



Office of Children and Family Services

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March 28, 2022

Mr. Randy Hall, Acting Commissioner
Rensselaer County Department of Social Services
127 Bloomingrove Drive
Troy, NY 12180-8403

Dear Acting Commissioner Hall:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Rensselaer County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan. Rensselaer County has proposed to amend the following effective April 1, 2022:

Proposed changes:

1. Appendix L: Other Eligible Families if Funds are Available

- #1 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: A referral for daycare assistance for a family receiving public assistance will be made from the recommendation of the Project Hire/Public Assistance worker assisting the family.
- #5 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Families will be given daycare assistance for 3 months; at which time they must show verification of employment.
- #7c Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7d Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7e Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7f Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7g Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7h Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #7i Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule.
- #8 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule and verification of employment.
- #9 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule and verification of employment.

- #10 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule and verification of employment.
 - #11 Change option to Yes. Include the limitations: Parent/Caretaker will have to provide verification of enrollment into the program along with program schedule and verification of employment.
2. Appendix M#1: III. Family Share
 - Rensselaer County has requested to lower their family share percentage to 1% from the current 10%.
 3. Appendix N: II. Districts must check the options that will be included in the district's county plan and complete the appropriate appendix for any option checked below
 - Rensselaer would like to additionally select options 5 and 8.
 4. Appendix S: Payment to Child Care Providers for Program Closures.
 - #1: Rensselaer County would like to select the following providers for eligibility for program closures
 - Day Care Center
 - Group Family Day Care
 - Family Day Care
 - Legally-exempt Group
 - School-age Child Care
 - #2: Rensselaer County would like to select yes.
 - #3: Rensselaer County would like to pay for 5 days of program closures
 - #4: Rensselaer County would like to pay for the following allowable program closures
 - Snow days
 - COVID=19 exposure
 - Unplanned emergency situations
 5. Appendix T: II. Differential Payment Rates
 - Rensselaer county would like to change the differential payment rate percent for Non-traditional hours to 15% from the current 5%.

Your request has been approved effective March 28, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan, please contact Darci Primeau at (518) 474-9095 or via email at Darci.Primeau@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services

Attachment