

July 23, 2010

Carol Dankert, Commissioner
Erie County Department of Social Services
Edward A. Rath County Office Building
95 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

**New York State
Office of
Children & Family
Services**

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Dear Commissioner Dankert:

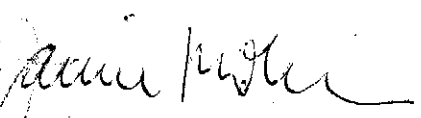
This letter is to inform you that the child care section found in the administrative component of your Child and Family Services Plan, 2010 Annual Plan Update was approved on July 21, 2010 and is effective on July 21, 2010, with the exception of Appendix G-2, #4b and #5.

Title 18 of New York Codes Rules and Regulations Part 407.10 says, "A social services district may propose amendments to the plan at any time. If a reduction in services, a change in eligibility, or a change in fees is proposed, the amendment must be published for public comment and be presented to the local advisory council for review, prior to submission to the department." Since the proposed amendments to Appendix G-2 affect eligibility and were not included in your public notice, they cannot be approved.

This approval is being issued separate from the approval of other sections of your plan in order to accommodate your county's need to implement the child care services provisions. With the exception of the child care amendments to Appendix G-2 noted above, a letter approving the remaining sections of your plan will be sent upon their approval.

If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's 2010 Annual Plan Update, please contact Ms. Rhonda Duffney, (518) 474-3775 or by e-mail at Rhonda.Duffney@ocfs.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,


Janice M. Molnar
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services



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