



**Office of Children  
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May 2, 2022

Mr. Michael Mascarenas, Commissioner  
Essex County Department of Social Services  
7551 Court Street, P.O. Box 217  
Elizabethtown, NY 12932-0217

Dear Commissioner Mascarenas:

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

Proposed changes:

1. Appendix L: Essex County would like to select yes for options 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 7i, 8, 10, and 11.
2. Appendix M#1: III. Family Share  
Essex County has requested to lower their family share percentage to 1% from the current 10%.
3. Appendix R:  
Essex County would like to pay for an additional 56 absences for a total of 80 absences.

Your request has been approved effective April 27, 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](mailto:Darci.Primeau@ocfs.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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

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