



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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August 13, 2019

Ms. Sarah Merrick, Commissioner
Onondaga County Department of Social Services – Economic Security
John H. Mulroy Civic Center
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Commissioner Merrick:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Onondaga County's 2019 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP). Onondaga County has requested to amend Appendix U of the CFSP to change the current waiver language for 18 NYCRR 415.6(b) to read, "Pay for enrollment: Waive 18 NYCRR 415.6(b), which allows districts to elect to make a payment on behalf of children who are temporarily absent. This waiver would pertain only if the parent has a child participating in an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership program. Onondaga County Social Services District will allow up to 14 days of absences per base period of 3 months only for the Salvation Army and Elmcrest Early Head Start program.

Your request has been approved and is effective September 1, 2019. If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services 2019 Child Care Plan, please contact Maryellen DeCicco at (518) 408-3395 or via email at Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Molnar".

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