



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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Commissioner

December 14, 2022

Ms. Sarah G. Merrick, Commissioner
John H. Mulroy Civic Center, Commissioners Office
421 Montgomery Street
Syracuse, NY 13202-2923

Dear Commissioner Merrick:

This letter is in response to your request to amend the child care section of Onondaga County's Child and Family Services Plan, 2022 Annual Plan Update.

Proposed Changes:

Appendix R: Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences

- Increase the number of additional absences allowed to 36 per year, for a total of 60 allowable paid absences per child per provider per year.
- Eligible providers include:
day care center, group family day care, family day care, informal child care, legally exempt group, and school-age child care.
- A contract or letter of intent is not required.

Your request has been approved with an effective date of December 6, 2022.

If you have any questions about this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services Plan, 2022 Annual Plan Update, please contact Sonoma Pelton at (518) 408-6074, or by email at Sonoma.Pelton@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Yates".

Nora K. Yates
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services

Enc: Approved Amended 2022 Annual Plan Update