



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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March 30, 2022

Ms. Darcie M. Miller, Commissioner
Orange County Department of Social Services
Box Z, 11 Quarry Road
Goshen, New York 10924

Dear Commissioner Miller:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Orange County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care. Orange County has proposed to amend the plan as follows:

- **Appendix L: Other Eligible Families if Funds are Available**
Orange County has requested to expand the options under Appendix L to include numbers #1, #4a, #6 and #7c, #7d, #7e.
- **Appendix M #1: Reasonable Distance, Recertification Period, Family Share, Very Low Income, Federal and Local Priorities**
Orange County has requested to lower their family share percentage from 10% to 5%. As of March 29, 2022, the family share is 5%.
- **Appendix R: Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences**
Orange County has requested to expand allowable absences. In addition to the required 24 absences, Orange County will allow an additional 24 absences for a maximum of 48 absences per fiscal year. The district has not limited the additional absences by child care provider and will be allowed for all modalities. Further, Orange County has requested to remove the limitation to allow for additional absences for contracted providers with a Letter of Intent. As of March 29, 2022, this limitation has been removed and absences will be allowed for all providers.

This request has been approved with an effective date of 03/29/2021.

If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section within 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,

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Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services

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