



# DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner  
Division of Child Care Services  
New York State Office of Children and Families  
52 Washington Street  
Rensselaer, New York 12144

Re: Revised Proposed Amendment to the Day Care Subsidy Program: Orange County

Dear Ms. Molnar,

Pursuant to our conference call on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Orange County would like to propose the following amendment to the Day Care Subsidy Program in the Child Care Section of our County Plan:

**Appendix L, number 1:** Change the option to “Yes” for Public Assistance Families to participate in an approved activity in addition to employment.

**Appendix L, number 4 (a):** Change the option to “Yes” for families with incomes up to 200% of the State Income Standard when childcare services are needed for the child(ren) to be protected because the caretaker is physically or mentally incapacitated.

**Appendix L, number 6:** Change the option to “Yes” for Public Assistance families in which a sanctioned parent / caregiver is participating in employment earning wages equal to or greater than minimum wage.

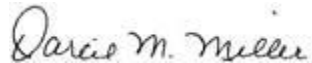
**Appendix L, number 7 c, d and e:** Change the option to “Yes” to cover additional programs for basic and remedial education, literacy training and ESL.

**Appendix M, number 1.11:** Reduce the family share percentage to 5%.

**Appendix R, number 2: Allowable Absences:** In addition to required 24 absences, Orange County will allow an additional 24 absences and propose extending to all provider categories for a total of up to 48 absences per year. This would also necessitate changing the current language in our plan which states absences are only allowed for contracted providers with a Letter of Intent.

Thank you for the opportunity to propose the changes outlined above. Please advise, should you require anything additional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darcie M. Miller".

Darcie M. Miller; LCSW-R  
Commissioner