



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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Commissioner

May 11, 2022

Ms. Frances Pierre, Commissioner
Suffolk County Department of Social Services
3085 Veterans Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Dear Commissioner Pierre:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Suffolk County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan. Suffolk County has proposed to amend the following:

Proposed changes:

Appendix M#1: III. Family Share

1. Suffolk County has requested to lower their family share percentage to 1% from the current 10% effective June 1, 2022. This decrease represents an effort to assist families in meeting their required contribution toward subsidized childcare.
2. Suffolk County has requested to allow childcare providers payment for up to 40 absences per year, per child. Currently, Suffolk County's child care plan allows all providers payment for a maximum of 24 absences per year. Suffolk County believes this increase in paid absences will promote the availability of high-quality childcare services for the families of Suffolk County.

Your request has been approved with an effective date of May 5, 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.

Sincerely,

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

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