



**Office of Children
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February 24, 2020

Mr. Paul Brady, Commissioner
Schenectady County Department of Social Services
797 Broadway, Suite 301
Schenectady, NY 12305

Dear Commissioner Brady:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Schenectady County's 2019 Child and Family Services Plan. Schenectady County has proposed to make the following changes.

Proposed change to Appendix M #1:

1. Lower the family share percentage from 35% to 25% effective August 1, 2019.

Proposed changes to Appendix T:

1. For families experiencing homelessness, increase the differential rate paid to licensed and registered providers from 5% to 15% effective September 1, 2017.
2. For families experiencing homelessness served by legally exempt providers, increase the differential rate paid from 0% to 15% effective September 1, 2017.
3. For providers serving families during non-traditional hours, increase the differential rate paid from 5% to 15% effective September 1, 2017.
4. For nationally accredited licensed and registered providers, increase the differential rate from 0% to 15% effective September 1, 2017.

Your request has been approved. The decrease in family share percentage is effective retroactively as of August 1, 2019. In order to implement the retroactive increases to provider payments under Appendix T, Schenectady County must reimburse all providers for payments made dating back to September 1, 2017.

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,

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