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Informational Letter

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Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	NYS Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
		18 NYCRR 404; 415			

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter is to inform local departments of social services (LDSSs) of proposed changes to Title 18 of New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (18 NYCRR) Parts 404 and 415 regarding the provision of child care services funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) and Title XX of the federal *Social Security Act*. A Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) will be published in the New York State Register on June 15, 2016, proposing regulatory changes regarding the provision of child care services for families experiencing homelessness and changes to the differential payment rates for child care providers.

II. Background

The federal *Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014* (42 U.S.C. 9858 *et seq.*) places an increased emphasis on serving homeless children and families by supporting child development in safe, stable and nurturing child care environments. The federal statute includes several provisions to improve access to high quality child care for children experiencing homelessness.

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) outlined a plan of action to achieve compliance with the requirements and goals of the *Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014* for improving access to child care for children and families experiencing homelessness in its proposed New York State Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for federal fiscal years 2016-2018, which it has submitted to the federal government for approval. The CCDF Plan included the need for OCFS to promulgate regulations to implement these federal requirements. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making that will be published in the June 15, 2016, New York State Register will propose revisions to 18 NYCRR Parts 404 and 415 to implement provisions of the CCDF Plan.

III. Program Implications

LDSSs, as well as the public, have the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making that will appear in the June 15, 2016 State Register. The formal comment period will end on August 1, 2016. OCFS intends to implement the regulatory provisions on October 1, 2016. Although an LDSS may not want to provide formal comment, reviewing the proposed regulations will provide it with lead time to analyze the local impact and develop a plan for implementation.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making will be accessible on the New York State Department of State Division of Administrative Rules website on June 15, 2016 at <http://www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm>.

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