

**CLINTON COUNTY – 2013 APU**  
**APPENDIX K**  
 Child Care Administration

Describe how your local district is organized to administer the child care program, including any functions that are subcontracted to an outside agency.

1. Identify the unit that has primary responsibility for the administration of child care for:

Public Assistance Families: Day Care Unit  
 Transitioning Families: Day Care Unit  
 Income Eligible Families: Day Care Unit  
 Title XX: Day Care Unit

2. Provide the following information on the use of New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) Funds.

FFY 2009-2010 Rollover funds (available from the NYSCCBG ceiling report in the claiming system): .....\$0.00  
 Estimate FFY 2010-11 Rollover Funds .....\$50,000.00  
 Estimate of Flexible Funds for Families (FFS) for child care subsidies.....\$0.00  
 NYSCBG Allocation 2011-12 .....\$1,000,917.00  
 Estimate of Local Share .....\$99,395.00  
**Total Estimated NYSCCCBG Amount** .....\$1,150,312.00  
 a. Subsidy.....\$897,245.00  
 b. Other program costs excluding subsidy.....\$230,062.00  
 c. Administrative costs.....\$23,006.00

3. Does your district have a contract or formal agreement with another organization to perform any of the following functions?

Function	Organization	Amount of Contract
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility screening		
<input type="checkbox"/> Determining if legally-exempt providers meet State-approved additional standards		
<input type="checkbox"/> Assistance in locating care		
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Information Systems		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

**APPENDIX L**

**Other Eligible Families if Funds are Available (Required)**

Listed below are the optional categories of eligible families that your district can include as part of its County Plan. Select any categories your county wants to serve using the NYSCCBG funds and describe any limitations associated with the category.

Optional Categories	Option	Limitations
1. Public Assistance (PA) families participating in an approved activity in addition to their required work activity.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. PA families or families with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard when the caretaker is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="240 726 906 800">a) participating in an approved substance abuse treatment program</li> <li data-bbox="240 810 906 884">b) homeless</li> <li data-bbox="240 894 906 968">c) a victim of domestic violence</li> <li data-bbox="240 978 906 1052">d) in an emergency situation of short duration</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. Families with an open child protective services case when child care is needed to protect the child.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4. Families with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard when child care services are needed because the child's caretaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="240 1272 906 1346">a) is physically or mentally incapacitated</li> <li data-bbox="240 1356 906 1430">b) has family duties away from home</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. Families with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard when child care services are needed for the child's caretaker to actively seek employment for a period up to six months.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Up to 3 months
6. PA families where a sanctioned parent is participating in unsubsidized employment, earning wages at a level equal to or greater than the minimum amount under law.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

<p>7. Families with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard when child care services are needed for the child’s caretaker to participate in:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>a) a public or private educational facility providing a standard high school curriculum offered by or approved by the local school district</p>		
<p>b) an education program that prepares an individual to obtain a NYS High School equivalency diploma</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>c) a program providing basic remedial education in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and oral communications for individuals functioning below the ninth month of the eighth grade level</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>d) a program providing literacy training designed to help individuals improve their ability to read and write</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>e) English as a second language (ESL) instructional program designed to develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing the English language for individuals whose primary language is other than English</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>f) a two-year full-time degree granting program at a community college, a two-year college, or an undergraduate college with a specific vocational goal leading to an associate degree or certificate of completion</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>g) a training program, which has a specific occupational goal and is conducted by an institution other than a college or university that is licensed or approved by the State Education Department</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>h) a prevocational skill training program such as a basic education and literacy training program</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>i) a demonstration project designed for vocational training or other project approved by the Department of Labor</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p><b>Note:</b> The parent/caretaker must complete the selected programs listed under number seven within 30 consecutive calendar months. The parent/caretaker cannot enroll in more than one program.</p>		

<p>8. PA recipients and low-income families with incomes up to 200% of the State Income Standard who are satisfactorily participating in a two-year program other than one with a specific vocational sequence (leading to an associate’s degree or certificate of completion and that is reasonably expected to lead to an improvement in the parent/caretaker’s earning capacity) as long as the parent(s) or caretaker is also working at least 17½ hours per week. The parent/caretaker must demonstrate his or her ability to successfully complete the course of study.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>9. PA recipients and low-income families with incomes up to 200% of the State Income Standard who are satisfactorily participating in a two-year college or university program (other than one with a specific vocational sequence) leading to an associate’s degree or a certificate of completion that is reasonably expected to lead to an improvement in the parent/caretaker’s earning capacity as long as the parent(s) or caretaker is also working at least 17½ hours per week. The parent/caretaker must demonstrate his or her ability to successfully complete the course of study.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>10. PA recipients and low-income families with incomes up to 200% of the State Income Standard who are satisfactorily participating in a four-year college or university program leading to a bachelor’s degree and that is reasonably expected to lead to an improvement in the parent/caretaker’s earning capacity as long as the parent(s) or caretaker is also working at least 17½ hours per week. The parent/caretaker must demonstrate his or her ability to successfully complete the course of study.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>11. Families with incomes up to the 200% of the State Income Standard when child care services are needed for the child’s caretaker to participate in a program to train workers in an employment field that currently is or is likely to be in demand in the future, if the caretaker documents that he or she is a dislocated worker and is currently registered in such a program, provided that child care services are only used for the portion of the day the caretaker is able to document is directly related to the caretaker engaging in such a program.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

**APPENDIX M**

**Reasonable Distance, Very Low Income, Family Share, Case Closing and Openings, Recertification Period, Fraud and Abuse Control Activities, Inspections (Required)**

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**Reasonable Distance**

Define “reasonable distance” based on community standards for determining accessible child care.

The following defines “reasonable distance”: It will be considered reasonable for a person to travel by personal vehicle fifteen minutes or 10 miles one way to a day care provider off the route from home to work. For someone utilizing public transportation with the day care provider on the bus route from home to work, one half mile from the bus stop on either end of the trip will be considered reasonable. One half mile will be considered reasonable for a person to walk to a day care provider’s home. Variations in this standard will be considered for special circumstances such as ages and number of children who need to be walked to day care, locations and time of day to ensure safety in walking, weather conditions, and physical challenges which may impact the person’s ability to travel. The plan was developed with input from the LDSS’s day care staff, employment and assistance staff, services staff, and consultation with the Child Care Council.

Describe any steps/consultations made to arrive at your definition:

**Very Low Income**

Define “very low income” as it is used in determining priorities for child care benefits.

“Very Low Income” is defined as 125% of the State Income Standard.

**Family Share**

“Family share” is the weekly amount paid towards the costs of the child care services by the child’s parent or caretaker. In establishing family share, your district must select a percentage from 10% to 35% to use in calculating the family share. The weekly family share of child care costs is calculated by applying the family share percentage against the amount of the family’s annual gross income that is in excess of the State Income Standard divided by 52.

Family Share Percentage selected by the county 20%.

**Note:** The percentage selected here must match the percentage selected in Title XX Program Matrix in WMS.

**Case Closings**

The district must describe below how priority is given to federally mandated priorities and describe local priorities. If all NYSCCBG funds are committed, the district will discontinue funding to those families that have lower priorities in order to serve families with higher priorities. Describe below how districts will select cases to be closed in the event that there are insufficient or no funds available.

1. Identification of local priorities in addition to the required federal priorities (select one).
  - The district has identified local priorities in addition to the required federal priorities (Complete Section 2)
  - The district has not identified local priorities in addition to the required federal priorities (Complete Section 3).

2. Describe how priority is given to federally mandated priorities and describe local priorities. If all NYSCCBG funds are committed, the district will discontinue funding to those families that have lower priorities in order to serve families with higher priorities. Describe in the space below how the district will select cases to be closed in the event that there are insufficient or no funds available.

a. The district will select cases to be closed based ONLY on income.

No.

Yes. Check 1 or 2 below.

1)  The district will close cases from the highest income to lowest income.

2)  The district will close cases based on income bands. Describe the income bands, beginning at 200% of the State Income Standard and ending at 100% of the State Income Standard:

b. The district will select cases to be closed based ONLY on categories of families.

No.

Yes. List the categories in the order that they will be closed, including the optional categories selected in Appendix L:

c. The district will select cases to be closed based on a combination of income and family category.

No.

Yes. List the categories and income groupings in the order that they will be closed:

d. The district will select cases to be closed on a basis other than the options listed above.

No.

Yes. Describe how the district will select cases to be closed in the event that there are insufficient funds to maintain the district's current case load:

e. The last cases to be closed will be those that fall under federal priorities. Identify how your district will prioritize federal priorities. Cases that are ranked 1 will be closed last.

Very low income       Rank 1       Rank 2

Families that have a child with special needs       Rank 1       Rank 2

3. If all NYSCCBG funds are committed, case closings for families that are not eligible under a child care guarantee and are not a federally mandated priority must be based on the length of time in receipt of services. The length of time used to close cases may be based either on the shortest or longest time the family has received child care services, but must be consistent for all families.
- a. Identify how the district will prioritize federal priorities. Cases that are ranked 1 will be closed last.
- Very low income             Rank 1         Rank 2
- Families that have a child with special needs         Rank 1         Rank 2
- b. The district will close cases based on the federal priorities and the amount of time the family has been receiving child care services.
- Shortest time receiving child care services
- Longest time receiving child care services
4. The district will establish a waiting list for families whose cases were closed because our county did not have sufficient funds to maintain our current caseload.
- No.
- Yes. Describe how these cases will be selected to be reopened if funds become available:
- Cases will be opened considering incomes, with priority given to opening cases with the lowest income first and then continuing sequentially, as allowed, to the highest income.

**Case Openings**

Describe below how priority is given to federally mandated priorities and how the district will select cases to be opened in the event that insufficient funds are available.

1. The first cases to be opened will be those that fall under the federal priorities.
- Identify how your district will prioritize federal priorities. Cases that are ranked 1 will be opened first.
- Very low income             Rank 1         Rank 2
- Families that have a child with special needs         Rank 1         Rank 2
2. The district will select cases to be opened based ONLY on income.
- No.
- Yes. Check 1 or 2 below.
- 1)  The district will open cases from the lowest income to highest income.
- 2)  The district will open cases based on income bands. Describe the income bands, beginning at 200% of the State Income Standard and ending at 100% of the State Income Standard:

3. The district will select cases to be opened based ONLY on category.
- No.
- Yes. List the categories in the order that they will be opened, including the optional categories selected in Appendix L:
4. The district will select cases to be opened based on a combination of income and category of family.
- No.
- Yes. List the categories and income groupings in the order that they will be opened:
5. The district selects cases to be opened on a basis other than the options listed above.
- No.
- Yes. Describe how the district will select cases to be opened in the event that there are not sufficient funds to open all eligible families:
6. The district will establish a waiting list when there are not sufficient funds to open all eligible cases.
- No.
- Yes. Describe how these cases will be selected to be opened when funds become available:
- Lowest income to highest income.

The district's recertification period is every  six months  twelve months

### **Fraud and Abuse Control Activities**

**Describe below the criteria the district will use to determine which child care subsidy applications suggest a higher than acceptable risk for fraudulent or erroneous child care subsidy payment in addition to procedures for referring such applications to the district's front-end detection system.**

All Child Care Subsidy Applications are processed by a Social Welfare Examiner assigned to the Child Care Unit. Applications are reviewed utilizing a revised Front End Detention/EVR Referral indicator checklist:

- Working off the books (currently or previously)
- Self-employed but without adequate business records to support financial assertions
- PO Box used as mailing address without reasonable explanation
- Landlord does not verify household composition or provides information inconsistent with application
- Client unsure of own address



- Case closed for employment within past 2 months. Employed person now out of the home
- No documentation to verify identity or documentation of identity is questionable
- Documents or information provided are inconsistent with application, such as different name used for signature
- Prior history of denial, case closing, or overpayments resulting from an investigation
- Current application is inconsistent with prior case information
- Children under the age of six with no birth certificates available
- No absent parent information or information is inconsistent with application

If indicators are identified, applications are referred to the Fraud Unit for verification (FEDS). In addition, new applicants who require day care due to employment are required to submit employment verification and also provide us with their current work schedule that is subject to verification with the employer.

**Describe the sampling methodology used to determine which cases will require verification of an applicant's or recipient's continued need for child care, including, as applicable, verification of participation in employment, education, or other required activities.**

Social Welfare Examiners assigned to the Employment and Assistance and the Child Care Unit work closely in coordinating day care. Individuals receiving day care must recertify every six months. At this time recipients continued need for day care are verified. Recipients are required to provide documentation regarding employment, school schedules, work experience requirements, etc. A Principle Account Clerk in the Accounting Unit reviews each time sheet to ensure proper amounts are paid. When Caseworkers assigned to the Child Care Unit conducts unannounced home visits a comparison is made between the children present during the home visit with attendance sheets submitted for payment. In addition the home visit is compared with work experience logs submitted or educational attendance forms submitted. Questionable time sheets are forwarded to fraud for investigation.

**Describe the sampling methodology used to determine which providers of subsidized child care services will be reviewed for the purpose of comparing the child care provider's attendance forms for children receiving subsidized child care services with any Child and Adult Care Food Program inspection forms to verify that child care was actually provided on the days listed on the attendance forms.**

The district has approximately 45 providers that participate in CACFP. The district will randomly select 3 providers per month that participate in CACFP and care for subsidized children. If the provider was previously selected or if they do not care for subsidized children they will not be included in the sample. The district will then contact the food sponsor and ask when the last inspection for CACFP was done on that provider and the children that were seen at that visit. The district will then compare the names of the subsidized children seen at that visit with the subsidy attendance forms given to the district by the child care provider to verify that child care was actually provided on the days listed on the attendance forms. The district will follow up on any inconsistency found.

**Inspections of Child Care Provider Records and Premises**

The district may choose to make announced or unannounced inspections of the records and premises of a provider/program that provides child care for subsidized children for the purpose of determining whether the child care provider is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and any additional requirements imposed on such a provider by the social services district Per 18 NYCRR 415.4(h) (3). Does the district choose to make inspections of such child care providers/programs?

No.

Yes. Provide the details of your inspections plan below.

A. The following *types* of subsidized child care providers/programs are subject to this requirement:

Legally-Exempt Child Care

In-Home;

Family Child Care;

Group programs not operating under the auspices of another government agency

Group programs operating under the auspices of another government agency

Licensed or Registered

Family Day Care;

Registered School Age Child Care

Group Family Day Care;  Day Care Centers;  Small Day Care Centers;

B. The district  *does* OR  *does not*:

Reserve the right to make inspections *PRIOR to subsidized children receiving care* in a **home** where the inspection is for the purpose of determining whether the child care provider is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and any additional requirements imposed on such a provider by the social services district.

C. The district will report violations of regulations as follows:

- Violations by a licensed or registered child care provider will be reported to the applicable Office of Children and Families (OCFS) Regional Office.
- Violations by an enrolled or enrolling legally-exempt child care provider will be reported to the applicable Enrollment Agency.

**APPENDIX N**  
**District Options (Required)**

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Districts have some flexibility to administer their child care subsidy programs to meet local needs. Check which options that your district wishes to include in your county plan. Complete the attached appendices for any area(s) checked.

1.  The district has chosen to establish funding set-asides for NYSCCBG (complete Appendix O).
2.  The district is using Title XX funds for the provision of child care services (complete Appendix P).
3.  The district has chosen to establish additional local standards for child care providers (complete Appendix Q).
4.  The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers for absences (complete Appendix R).
5.  The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers for program closures (complete Appendix S).
6.  The district has chosen to pay for transportation to and from a child care provider (complete Appendix T).
7.  The district has chosen to pay up to 15% higher than the applicable market rates for regulated child care services that have been accredited by a nationally recognized child care organization (complete Appendix T).
8.  The district has chosen to pay up to 15% higher than the applicable market rates for non-traditional hours (complete Appendix T).
9.  The district has chosen to pay up to 75% of the enhanced market rate for legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who have completed 10 hours of training, which has been verified by the Legally-Exempt Caregiver Enrollment Agency (complete Appendix T).
10.  The district has chosen to pay for child care services while a caretaker who works the second or third shift sleeps (complete Appendix T).
11.  The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers who provide child care services, which exceed 24 consecutive hours (complete Appendix U).
12.  The district has chosen to include 18-, 19- or 20-year-olds in the Child Care Services Unit (complete Appendix U)
13.  The district is seeking a waiver from one or more regulatory provisions. Such waivers are limited to those regulatory standards that are not specifically included in law (complete Appendix U).
14.  The district has chosen to pay for breaks in activity for low income families (non public assistance families). Complete Appendix U.

15.  The district has chosen to use local equivalent forms such as, but not limited to, child care application, client notification, and/or enrollment forms (attach copies of the local equivalent forms your district uses).

*Any previous approvals for local equivalent forms will not be carried forward into this county plan. Therefore, any local equivalent forms a district wishes to establish or renew must be included in this plan and will be subject to review and approval by OCFS.*

APPENDIX O  
Funding Set-Asides (Optional)

**Total NYSCCBG Block Grant Amount, Including Local Funds**

Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
<b>Total Set-Asides</b>	.....	<b>\$</b>

Describe for each category the rationale behind specific set-aside amounts from the NYSCCBG (e.g., estimated number of children).

Category:  
Description:

Category:  
Description:

Category:  
Description:

Category:  
Description:

The following amounts are set aside for specific priorities from the Title XX block grant:

Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
Category:	.....	\$
<b>Total Set-Asides (Title XX)</b>	.....	<b>\$</b>

Describe for each category the rationale behind specific amounts set aside from of the Title XX block grant (e.g., estimated number of children).

Category:

Description:

Category:

Description:

Category:

Description:

Category:

Description:



**16. APPENDIX Q**

**ADDITIONAL LOCAL STANDARDS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS (OPTIONAL)**

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The district may propose local standards in addition to the State standards for legally-exempt providers who will receive child care subsidies. This appendix must be completed for **each** additional standard that the district wishes to implement.

1. Check or describe in the space provided below the additional local standards that will be required of child care providers/programs.

- Verification that the provider has given the parent/caretaker complete and accurate information regarding any report of child abuse or maltreatment in which they are named as an indicated subject
- Local criminal background check
- Requirement that providers that care for subsidized children for 30 or more hours a week participate in the Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP)
- Site visits by the local district
- Other (please describe):

2. Check below the type of child care program to which the additional standard will apply and indicate the roles of the persons to whom it will apply in cases where the standard is person-specific.

- Legally-exempt family child care program. Check all that apply.
  - Provider     Provider's Employee     Provider's Volunteer
  - Provider's household member age 18 or older

- Legally-exempt in-home child care program. Check all that apply.
  - Provider     Provider's Employee     Provider's Volunteer

- Legally-exempt group providers not operating under the auspices of another government agency. Check all that apply.
  - Provider     Provider's Employee     Provider's Volunteer

- Legally-exempt group providers operating under the auspices of another government or tribal agency. Check all that apply.
  - Provider     Provider's Employee     Provider's Volunteer



3. Districts are responsible for implementation of the additional local standard unless they have a formal agreement or contract with another organization. Check the organization that will be responsible for the implementation of the additional local standard.

Local social services staff

Provide the name of the unit and contact person: Social Welfare Examiner, Day Care Unit, Clinton County Department of Social Services

Contracted agency

Provide the name of the agency and contact person:

4. Are there any costs associated with the additional standard?

Yes  No

**Note:** Costs associated with the additional standard cannot be passed on to the provider.

5. Describe the steps for evaluating whether the additional local standard has been met.

Providers of legally exempt child care and all household members, 18 years of age and older will be asked to sign a release which will allow the Clinton County Department of Social Services to conduct a local child welfare database check of the records related to the child care attestations for the sole purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information submitted to the parent/caretaker. Household members 18 years or older will only be required to complete the release when care is not in the home of the child.

If a legally exempt provider or household member refuses to sign the release, which would allow Clinton County Department of Social Services to review only the existing local child welfare records related to the child care attestations, the enrollment package will be considered incomplete and the enrollment process cannot move forward and will be withdrawn by the enrollment agency.

When a local database check of the records related to the child care attestations reveal that a legally exempt provider and/or household member(s) age 18 years of age and older are an indicated subject of a child abuse or maltreatment report the proposed provider will be required to submit to Clinton County Department of Social Services a copy of the written statement provided to the parent/caretaker concerning the indicated incident(s). This statement must be signed by the parent/caretaker acknowledging receipt of this information and the parent/caretaker's wish to use this child care provider.

If the information regarding the indicated child protective report submitted by the provider does not substantially correlate with the information obtained from the local database check of the records related to the child care attestations the Clinton County Department of Social Services will notify the provider that they have ten (10) calendar days to clarify the discrepancies in the information submitted to the district and parent/caretaker. Within the ten (10) calendar day period the provider must submit information to Clinton County Department of Social Services and the parent/caretaker that either substantially correlates with the information obtained by the district's local database check of the records related to the child care attestations or the provider submits information to the district which documents that the information obtained from the local

database check of the records related to the child care attestations is inaccurate. If the provider fails to clarify the discrepancies the Clinton County Department of Social Services will notify the Enrollment Agency that the additional standard has not been met.

If the information regarding the indicated child protective report correlates with the information obtained from the local database check and the parent/caretaker still chooses to use the provider, the Enrollment Agency will be notified that the additional standard has been met.

6. Indicate how frequently reviews of the additional standard will be conducted. Check all that apply.

Legally-Exempt Programs:

- Initial enrollment                       During the 12-month enrollment period  
 Re-enrollment                               Other

7. In the space below, described the procedures the district will use to notify the Legally-Exempt Caregiver Enrollment Agency (EA) as to whether the legally-exempt provider is in compliance with the additional local standards. Districts must notify the EA within 25 days from the date they received the referral from the EA. (Districts need to describe this procedure only if the additional local standard is applied to legally-exempt child care providers.)

Once our Department has determined whether or not the additional local standard has been met using the procedures outlined in number five our Department will notify the Enrollment Agent in writing if the additional local standard has been met or not met. The district will maintain a file, which documents the information used to determine whether or not the additional local standard has been met.

8. Describe the justification for the additional standard in the space below.

To ensure information that could affect the safety of the children in legally exempt childcare settings is shared.

The Department of Social Services wants to make sure that providers have told parents about known child protective histories for themselves and any adults 18 years or older residing in the provider's home where child care is to take place.

In rare situations, providers are deemed unsafe to be around any children by the Family and Children Services Units due to a serious child abuse history and the Department wants to make sure parents have a chance to make educated decisions about using providers.

**APPENDIX R**

**Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences (Optional)**

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The following providers are eligible for payment for absences (check all that are eligible):

- Day Care Center                       Legally-Exempt Group  
 Group Family Day Care               School Age Child Care  
 Family Day Care

Our county will only pay for absences to providers with which the district has a contract or letter of intent.

- Yes       No

Base period (check one)                       3 months               6 months

Number of absences allowed during base period:

Period	Routine Limits (# of days)	Extenuating Circumstances (# of days)	Total Number of Absences Allowed (# of days)
In a month	12	3	15
Base period	12	8	20

List reasons for absences for which the district will allow payment:

Illness, medical appointments, homelessness, court

List any limitations on the above providers' eligibility for payment for absences:

No payment will be made for absences when the child care provider is closed and not available

**Note:** Legally-exempt family child care and in-home child care providers are **not** eligible to receive payment for absences.

**APPENDIX S**

**Payment to Child Care Providers for Program Closures (Optional)**

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The following providers are eligible for payment for program closures:

- Day Care Center
- Legally-Exempt Group
- Group Family Day Care
- School Age Child Care
- Family Day Care

The county will only pay for program closures to providers with which the district has a contract or letter of intent.

- Yes
- No

Enter the number of days allowed for program closures (maximum allowable time for program closures is five days).

List the allowable program closures for which the county will provide payment.

**Note:** Legally-exempt family child care and in-home child car providers are **not** allowed to be reimbursed for program closures.

**APPENDIX T**

**Transportation, Differential Payment Rates, Enhanced Market Rate for Legally-Exempt and In-Home Providers, and Sleep (Optional)**

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**Transportation**

Describe any circumstances and limitations your county will use to reimburse for transportation. Include what type of transportation will be reimbursed (public vs. private) and how much your county will pay (per mile or trip). Note that if the county is paying for transportation, the Program Matrix in WMS should reflect this choice.

N/A

**Differential Payment Rates**

Indicate the percentage above the market rate your county has chosen.

- Accredited programs may receive a differential payment up to \_\_\_\_\_ % above market rate.
- Care during non-traditional hours may be paid up to 15% above market rate.
- Limitations to the above differentials:

Non traditional hours are defined as weekends and the night shift (10:00 pm - 6:00 am)

Payments may not exceed 15% above market rate. However, if your district wishes to establish a payment rate that is more than 15% above the applicable market rate, describe below why the 15% maximum is insufficient to provide access within the district to accredited programs and/or care provided during non-traditional hours.

N/A

**Enhanced Market Rate for Legally-Exempt Family and In-Home Child Care Providers**

Indicate if the district is electing to establish a payment rate that is in excess of the enhanced market rate for legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who have annually completed 10 or more hours of training and the training has been verified by the legally-exempt caregiver enrollment agency.

- No.
- Yes. Our market rate will not exceed 75% of the child care market rate established for registered family day care.

**Sleep**

The following describes the standards that will be used in evaluating whether or not to pay for child care services while a parent or caretaker that works a second or third shift sleeps, as well as any limitations pertaining to payment:

N/A

Indicate the number of hours allowed by your district (maximum number of hours allowed is eight).

**APPENDIX U**

**Child Care Exceeding 24 Hours, Child Care Services Unit, Waivers,  
and Breaks in Activities (Optional)**

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**Child Care Exceeding 24 Hours**

Child Care services may exceed 24 consecutive hours when such services are provided on a short-term emergency basis or in other situations where the caretaker’s approved activity necessitates care for 24 hours on a limited basis. Check below under what circumstances the county will pay for child care exceeding 24 hours.

- On a short-term or emergency basis
- The caretaker’s approved activity necessitates care for 24 hours on a limited basis

Describe any limitations for payment of child care services that exceed 24 consecutive hours.

No more than 72 hours per emergency

**Child Care Services Unit (CCSU)**

Indicate below if your county will include 18-, 19-, or 20-year-olds in the CCSU, which is used in determining family size and countable family income.

The district will include the following in the CCSU (check all that apply).

- 18-year-olds
- 19-year-olds
- 20-year-olds

**OR**

The district will only include the following in the CCSU when it will benefit the family (check all that apply)

- 18-year-olds
- 19-year-olds
- 20-year-olds

Describe the criteria your district will use to determine whether or not 18-, 19-, or 20-year olds are included in the CCSU.

A new determination will be made in an event of a change in family circumstances to benefit the family

**Waivers**

Districts have the authority to request a waiver of any regulatory provision that is non-statutory. Describe and justify why your county is requesting a waiver.

**Breaks in Activities**

Districts may pay for child care services for low income families during breaks in activities either for a period not to exceed two weeks or for a period not to exceed four weeks when child care arrangements would otherwise be lost and the subsequent activity is expected to begin within that period. Indicate below if your county will make such payments (check one).

- Two weeks
- Four weeks

Districts may provide child care services while the caretaker is waiting to enter an approved activity or employment or on a break between approved activities. The following low income

families are eligible for child care services during a break in activities (check any that are eligible):

- Entering an activity
- Waiting for employment
- On a break between activities