

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Frances Pierre
Commissioner

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Janice Molnar, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner
OCFS Division of Child Care Services
52 Washington Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144-2834

Dear Dr. Molnar:

I am writing to request your approval to amend the Child Care portion of the 2021 Suffolk County Child and Family Services Plan in two ways:

1. 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. We believe the increase in paid absences will promote the availability of high-quality childcare services for the families of Suffolk County.
2. Decrease the required Family Share from 10% to 1%, effective June 1, 2022. This decrease represents an effort to assist families in meeting their required contribution toward subsidized childcare.

We look forward to your response as we continue with our mission to serve the children and families of Suffolk County by meeting their need for high-quality, affordable childcare services.

Sincerely,

Frances Pierre, Commissioner
Suffolk County Department of Social Services