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Informational Letter

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| Transmittal: | 19-OCFS-INF-03 |
| To: | Commissioners of Local Social Services Districts |
| Issuing Division/Office: | Division of Child Care Services |
| Date: | April 29, 2019 |
| Subject: | **Child Care Market Rates Advance Notification** |
| Suggested Distribution: | Directors of Social Services and Temporary AssistanceAccounting SupervisorsChild Care and Temporary Assistance Staff |
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| Attachments: | *Child Care Market Rates* |

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to advise local social services districts (districts) that the child care market rates and the maximum reimbursement for expenditures for all child care services funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG) and Social Services Block Grant (Title XX) have been filed with the New York State Department of State as an emergency rule making and notice of proposed rule making. These changes will be reflected in Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR) Section 415.9.

1. Background

The revised child care market rate regulations were filed on an emergency basis on April 23, 2019, and will be effective May 1, 2019. The regulatory filing also included a notice of proposed rule making. Districts, as well as the public, will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule once the proposed rule is published in the *State Register* on May 8, 2019.

The revised child care market rate regulations are found in an attachment to this policy. A Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) will be issued following the final adoption of the regulations.

The new market rates were established at the 69th percentile of child care rates reported by a random sample of 3,744 licensed and registered child care providers from across New York State, during a 2017-18 telephone survey.

1. Program Implications

The child care market rates will be updated automatically in the Child Care Time and Attendance (CCTA) system with an effective date of May 1, 2019. When calculating payments on or after May 1, 2019, CCTA will automatically compare the calculated payments to the appropriate market rates based on the date upon which child care services were received, not the date when the payment is being calculated.

The districts must take actions to implement the new child care market rates for the May 1, 2019, effective date. Whenever the amount of child care benefits changes, districts must provide recipients with appropriate notice as required by 18 NYCRR Subpart 358-2.

1. Effective Date

The effective date of this release is May 1, 2019.



**Issued By:**

Name: Janice Molnar, Ph.D.

Title: Deputy Commissioner

Division/Office: Division of Child Care Services

**ATTACHMENT A**

**CHILD CARE MARKET RATES**

Market rates are established in five groupings of social services districts as follows:

## Group 1: Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester

Group 2: Columbia, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Tompkins, Warren

Group 3: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates

## Group 4: Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Saratoga, Ulster

Group 5: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond

MARKET RATES

The market rates established for each group apply to all districts in the designated group.

**GROUP 1 COUNTIES:**

**Nassau, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester**

DAY CARE CENTER

|  |  |
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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $364 | $338 | $310 | $317 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $65  | $62  | $55 | $65 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $43  | $41  | $37  | $43  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $9.50 | $11.00  | $10.00  | $8.00 |

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $300 | $295 | $285 | $275 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $60  | $60  | $60  | $57  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $40  | $40  | $40  | $38  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $10.00  | $10.00  | $10.00  | $10.00 |

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $310 | $317 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $55 | $65  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $37  | $43  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $10.00  | $8.00 |

(Group 1 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 1/2 – 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $233 | $238 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $41 | $49 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $28 | $32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $7.50 | $6.00 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $195 | $192 | $185 | $179 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $39 | $39 | $39 | $37 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $26 | $26 | $26 | $25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $6.50 | $6.50 | $6.50 | $6.50 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

ENHANCED RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $210 | $207 | $200 | $193 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $42  | $42  | $42  | $40  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $28 | $28  | $28  | $27  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $7.00  | $7.00  | $7.00  | $7.00  |

**GROUP 2 COUNTIES: Columbia, Erie, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Tompkins and Warren**

DAY CARE CENTER

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $280 | $264 | $245 | $215 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $59  | $55  | $51  | $45  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $39 | $37  | $34  | $30  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $9.75 | $9.25  | $9.00  | $9.00 |

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  |  **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $190 | $185 | $180 | $175 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $40  | $40 | $38  | $35  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $27  | $27 | $25  | $23  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $8.00  | $8.00  | $8.00  | $8.00 |

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $245 | $215 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $51  | $45 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $34  | $30  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $9.00  | $9.00 |

(Group 2 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 1/2 – 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $184 | $161 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $38 | $34 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $26 | $23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $6.75 | $6.75 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

STANDARD RATE

|  |  |
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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $124 | $120 | $117 | $114 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $26 | $26 | $25 | $23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $18 | $18 | $16 | $15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $5.20 | $5.20 | $5.20 | $5.20 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

ENHANCED RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $133 | $130 | $126 | $123 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $28 | $28 | $27 | $25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $19 | $19 | $18 | $16 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $5.60 | $5.60 | $5.60 | $5.60 |

**GROUP 3 COUNTIES:**

**Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Montgomery, Niagara, Oneida, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Sullivan, Tioga, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates**

DAY CARE CENTER

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $220 | $206 | $195 | $180 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $48  | $45 | $44  | $39  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $32  | $30  | $29  | $26  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $8.00  | $8.00  | $8.00  | $7.00 |

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  |  **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $160 | $150 | $150 | $150 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $35  | $35  | $33  | $30  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $23  | $23  | $22  | $20  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $5.00  | $5.00  | $5.00  | $5.00 |

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

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| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $195 | $180 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $44  | $39  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $29  | $26  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $8.00  | $7.00 |

(Group 3 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 1/2 – 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $146 | $135 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $33 | $29 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $22 | $20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $6.00 | $5.25 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $104 | $98 | $98 | $98 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $23 | $23 | $21 | $20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $15 | $15 | $14 | $13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $3.25 | $3.25 | $3.25 | $3.25 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

ENHANCED RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $112 | $105 | $105 | $105 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $25 | $25 | $23 | $21 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $16 | $16 | $15 | $14 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $3.50 | $3.50 | $3.50 | $3.50 |

**GROUP 4 COUNTIES:**

**Albany, Dutchess, Orange, Saratoga, and Ulster**

DAY CARE CENTER

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $282 | $265 | $250 | $230 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $59 | $55 | $52  | $50  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $39  | $37  | $35  | $33  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $8.50  | $8.25  | $9.00  | $9.75 |

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  |  **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $225 | $210 | $200 | $200 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $45  | $45  | $45  | $40  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $30  | $30  | $30  | $27  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $8.75  | $8.75  | $8.50  | $9.00 |

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

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| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $250 | $230 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $52  | $50  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $35  | $33  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $9.00  | $9.75 |

(Group 4 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 1/2 – 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $188 | $173 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $39 | $38 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $26 | $25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $6.75 | $7.31 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

STANDARD RATE

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| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $146 | $137 | $130 | $130 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $29 | $29 | $29 | $26 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $20 | $20 | $20 | $18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $5.69 | $5.69 | $5.53 | $5.85 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

ENHANCED RATE

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $158 | $147 | $140 | $140 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $32 | $32 | $32 | $28 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $21 | $21 | $21 | $19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $6.13 | $6.13 | $5.95 | $6.30 |

**GROUP 5 COUNTIES:**

**Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond**

DAY CARE CENTER

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $406 | $315 | $289 | $236 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $69  | $60  | $54  | $47  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $46  | $40  | $36 | $31  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $15.75  | $17.00  | $15.75  | $10.00 |

FAMILY DAY CARE HOME AND GROUP FAMILY DAY CARE HOME

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|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  |  **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $200 | $196 | $185 | $170 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $40 | $40  | $35  | $35  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $27  | $27  | $23  | $23  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $16.00  | $15.00  | $15.00  | $15.00 |

SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE

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| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 ½ - 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $289 | $236 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $54  | $47  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $36 | $31  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $15.75  | $10.00 |

(Group 5 Counties)

LEGALLY-EXEMPT GROUP CHILD CARE STANDARD RATE

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 1 ½**  | **1 1/2 – 2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $0 | $0 | $217 | $177 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $0 | $0 | $41 | $35 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $0 | $0 | $27 | $23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $0 | $0 | $11.81 | $7.50 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

STANDARD RATE

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $130 | $127 | $120 | $111 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $26 | $26 | $23 | $23 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $18 | $18 | $15 | $15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $10.40 | $9.75 | $9.75 | $9.75 |

INFORMAL CHILD CARE

ENHANCED RATE

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | **Age of Child** |
|  | **Under 2**  | **2** | **3 - 5** | **6-12** |
| Weekly | $140 | $137 | $130 | $119 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | $28 | $28 | $25 | $25 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-Day | $19 | $19 | $16 | $16 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Hourly | $11.20 | $10.50 | $10.50 | $10.50 |

**SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD CARE**

The rate of payment for child care services provided to a child determined to have special needs is the actual cost of care up to the statewide limit of the highest weekly, daily, part-day or hourly market rate for child care services in the state, as applicable, based on the amount of time the child care services are provided per week regardless of the type of child care provider used or the age of the child.

The highest full time market rate in the State is:

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| --- | --- |
| Weekly | $ 406 |
|  |  |
| Daily | $ 69 |
|  |  |
| Part-Day | $ 46 |
|  |  |
| Hourly | $ 17.00 |