

The following is the assessment of Public Comment for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Amend Part 415 of Title 18 of the NYCRR, published in the State Register on August 17, 2022. This rule implements chapter 650 of the Laws of 2021, which amended Social Services Law §390-c, mandating the Office of Children and Family Services promulgate regulations that require social services districts offer a direct deposit payment option for providers receiving child care assistance payments.

A comment of support was received from one source: Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA).

CSEA supports the amendment of regulation 18 NYCRR 415.5 to require districts to offer a direct deposit option for providers receiving child care assistance. CSEA noted that implementing direct deposit will aid in preventing financial hardships that may arise due to the mishandling of paper checks as well as offer a more timely, reliable, and stable manner of payment for child care providers.

No comments in opposition were received. The proposed changes to 18 NYCRR 415.5 will be adopted as published.