

OCFS Division of Child Care Services Amendments to Subsidy Regulations

Paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 415.5 of Title 18 NYCRR is amended to read as follows:

(3) A social services district must establish at least one method of payment by which payment for child care services arranged by the child's caretaker can be made. A social services district must not establish administrative requirements for payment that impose unnecessary barriers on the caretaker's choice of an eligible child care provider. [Additionally, a]

(i) A child care provider cannot be required to participate in a direct deposit program.

(ii) Child care providers cannot be required to enter into a contract with a social services district in order to provide child care services for a family receiving child care [subsidy.] assistance funded under the New York State Child Care Block Grant.

Subdivision (b) of section 415.5 of Title 18 NYCRR is amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~Reserved~~ Notwithstanding the provisions in 415.5(a)(1) of this Part, upon the implementation of a statewide system, a social services district must offer eligible providers, including legally exempt providers, the option to receive payment for subsidized child care services by direct deposit into the bank account of the child care provider.

(i) Such direct deposit shall only be at the express written consent of the provider on forms to be provided by the social services district.

(ii) Such written consent can be revoked at any time by the provider in writing on forms provided by the social services district.