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21-OCFS-INF-03		18 NYCRR 415.1 18 NYCRR 415.2	SSL § 410-W		

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to communicate to the local social services districts (districts) the eligibility levels for the child care assistance program funded by the Child Care Block Grant (CCBG) from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, including the federal poverty guidelines on annual income and the state median income.

II. Background

State Income Standards

The income threshold for child care assistance, funded by the CCBG, used for determining initial eligibility and continuing eligibility at the 12-month redetermination for child care assistance, is based on a percentage of the state income standards. State income standards are established using [poverty](#)

[guidelines](#) that are updated periodically in the *Federal Register* [87 Fed. Reg. 3315] by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under the authority of [42 U.S.C. § 9902\(2\)](#). This information is used to update each district's Welfare Management System services matrix.

State Median Income

For child care assistance eligibility, the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 requires that a family's income not exceed 85% of the state median income (SMI). As such, a family will be found ineligible or no longer eligible for child care assistance, funded by the CCBG, if their income exceeds this amount at determination or during the 12-month eligibility period. SMI is defined in 18 NYCRR Part 415.1(ae) as the most recent SMI data published by the U.S. Census Bureau for a family of the same size, updated for a family size of four and adjusted for family size. According to the *2016-20 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates* published by the U.S. Census Bureau in Table B19119, *Median Family Income in the Past 12 Months*, the median income for a family of four in New York is \$109,716. Using the SMI for a family of four, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has calculated the median income for a family size of one to 20 utilizing the recommended formula provided by the Administration for Children and Families for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

III. Program Implications

State Income Standards

The following are the annual income standards to be used, effective June 1, 2022, to determine eligibility for child care services funded by the CCBG, between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023. As indicated in 22-OCFS-INF-04, *Notification of Changes to the Child Care Assistance Program as a Result of the State Fiscal Year 2023 Enacted Budget*, the 200% SIS is to be used from June 1, 2022, through July 31, 2022, until the 300% SIS becomes effective on August 1, 2022.

Family Size	New York State Income Standard (SIS)	200% SIS (until 7/31/22)	300% SIS (starting 8/1/22)
1	\$13,590	\$27,180	\$40,770
2	\$18,310	\$36,620	\$54,930
3	\$23,030	\$46,060	\$69,090
4	\$27,750	\$55,500	\$83,250
5	\$32,470	\$64,940	\$97,410
6	\$37,190	\$74,380	\$111,570
7	\$41,910	\$83,820	\$125,730
8	\$46,630	\$93,260	\$139,890
9	\$51,350	\$102,700	\$154,050
10	\$56,070	\$112,140	\$168,210
11	\$60,790	\$121,580	\$182,370
12	\$65,510	\$131,020	\$196,530
13	\$70,230	\$140,460	\$210,690

14	\$74,950	\$149,900	\$224,850
15	\$79,670	\$159,340	\$239,010
16	\$84,390	\$168,780	\$253,170
17	\$89,110	\$178,220	\$267,330
18	\$93,830	\$187,660	\$281,490
19	\$98,550	\$197,100	\$295,650
20	\$103,270	\$206,540	\$309,810
Each Additional Person	\$4,720	\$9,440	\$14,160

State Median Income

The SMI and 85% of the SMI levels for each family size, valid June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023, are shown below.

Family Size	State Median Income (SMI) for New York	85% SMI for New York
1	\$57,052.32	\$48,494.47
2	\$74,606.88	\$63,415.85
3	\$92,161.44	\$78,337.22
4	\$109,716.00	\$93,258.60
5	\$127,270.56	\$108,179.98
6	\$144,825.12	\$123,101.35
7	\$148,116.60	\$125,899.11
8	\$151,408.08	\$128,696.87
9	\$154,699.56	\$131,494.63
10	\$157,991.04	\$134,292.38
11	\$161,282.52	\$137,090.14
12	\$164,574.00	\$139,887.90
13	\$167,865.48	\$142,685.66
14	\$171,156.96	\$145,483.42
15	\$174,448.44	\$148,281.17
16	\$177,739.92	\$151,078.93
17	\$181,031.40	\$153,876.69
18	\$184,322.88	\$156,674.45
19	\$187,614.36	\$159,472.21
20	\$190,905.84	\$162,269.96

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