



Office of Children and Family Services

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Due to a statutory amendment to SSL 410-u, effective August 1, 2022, a family with income of up to 300 percent of the state income standard (SIS) that otherwise meets programmatic eligibility requirements is eligible to receive child care assistance under the New York State Child Care Block Grant (NYSCCBG), provided the family income does not exceed 85 percent of the state median income (SMI). To facilitate the transition to the new income eligibility level, the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is making an automatic amendment to the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) to reflect the new income eligibility level for child care assistance cases funded under the NYSCCBG. Each district must review its CFSP to determine if it will revise district options in accordance with regulatory changes, and submit a letter to OCFS outlining its requested amended district options. If approved, the district will complete the amendment in the CFSP system.

For cases funded under Title XX districts must submit an amendment letter that states the maximum allowable percentages for each family size. This amendment request must be submitted to OCFS no later than August 31, 2022. Upon approval by OCFS, the district will complete the amendment in its CFSP. Amendments to Appendix P of currently approved plans will be effective August 1, 2022.

The CFSP is hereby amended to reflect the following changes:

Appendix L

Appendix L of the CFSP is amended to reflect the income eligibility level for all optional categories is now 300% SIS. The amended income eligibility level shall apply to all optional categories of families a district elects to serve if funds are available under the NYSCCBG. Such child care assistance cases authorized on or after August 1, 2022, with a family income up to 300% SIS, will be eligible to receive child care assistance, provided the family income does not exceed 85% SMI.

Appendix M#1

Appendix M#1, paragraph IV, of the CFSP is amended to define Very Low Income at an income level of 300% SIS, provided the family income does not exceed 85% SMI. Additionally, paragraph V regarding the three federal priorities is amended to reflect an income eligibility level of 300% SIS, provided the family income does not exceed 85% SMI. Child care assistance cases authorized on or after August 1, 2022, will be eligible to receive child care assistance up to 300% SIS, provided the family income does not exceed 85% SMI.

The amendments in this notice are effective on August 1, 2022. This notice serves as the approval of the amendments detailed above for Appendix L and Appendix M#1 of all districts' currently approved plans.