



**Office of Children  
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September 29, 2021

Mr. John Liddle, Commissioner  
Sullivan County Department of Social Services  
16 Community Lane, P.O. Box 231  
Liberty, NY 12754

Dear Commissioner Liddle:

This letter is in response to your request to amend Sullivan County's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan. Sullivan County has proposed to amend the following.

Proposed changes:

1. Appendix R: Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences

Sullivan County has requested to change the allowable number of routine absences from 5 to 12 in a three-month base period and to change the allowable number of allowable absences due to extenuating circumstance from 10 to 8 in a three-month base period. The monthly limits would be 12 routine absences and 3 absences due to extenuating circumstances. Sullivan County will define what will qualify as an extenuating circumstance absence vs. a routine absence.

Your request has been approved with an effective date of August 13, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this approval or the child care section found in your district's Child and Family Services 2021 Child Care Plan, please contact Maryellen DeCicco at (518) 408-3395 or via email at [Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Maryellen.DeCicco@ocfs.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice Molnar".

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.  
Deputy Commissioner  
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