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Transmittal No: 96 LCM-51

Date: May 30, 1996

Division: Services and
Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: State Low Income Day Care Program

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Proposed District Low Income Day Care
Allocations (available on-line)

The Department is concerned that a number of social services districts are planning to shut down their State Low Income Day Care programs because district allocations have not been published due to the late budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1996/97. The Department recognizes that some districts may be reluctant to pay subsidies to providers without formal assurance that reimbursement from the State will be forthcoming. In order to assure you that the Department remains committed to the program, the Department is providing notification of your proposed SFY 1996/97 district allocation and other information in advance of budget enactment.

As you know from discussions at the NYPWA Winter Conference, the recommended appropriation for SFY 1996/97 for the State Low Income Day Care program is \$30,044,000, reflecting a transition from an appropriation based budget to a cash based budget. The State is not reducing its commitment to the program. For SFY 1996/97, the State is continuing its commitment to the State Low Income Day Care program at the same level as in SFY 1995/96. The proposed SFY 1996/97 district allocations are listed on Attachment A.

The move to cash budgeting assumes that historical local district claiming patterns will remain the same. The cash reimbursement during the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997 will approximate 75% of your SFY 1996/97 allocation. Reimbursement of the remaining 25% of your allocation for SFY 1996/97 is expected to occur in SFY 1997/98. Reimbursement for expenditures for SFY 1996/97 may not commence until the State budget or other special appropriations bill is enacted.

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The conversion to cash budgeting should not adversely affect your programs as your cash reimbursement from the SFY 1996/97 appropriation, along with the advance of the remainder of your SFY 1995/96 allocation this past March instead of during the normal April through June period, assures you of the same amount of annual cash for the program as in previous years. Due to the structure of the State budget vis-a-vis local district claims, claims reimbursed in any State Fiscal Year are those for the January to December calendar year. This year, reimbursement for the January-March period is already in your hands, and reimbursement up to your allocation level will continue as usual once the budget passes - reimbursement for April-June will be during July-August and so on through the end of the fiscal year. By the end of March 1997, you will have been reimbursed for claims through December 1996.

For information on the program and expenditure requirements for the State Low Income Day Care program, please refer to 95 LCM-93 dated August 15, 1995. You will receive an update on the status of the State Low Income Day Care program as soon as information becomes available. Questions regarding this LCM may be directed to Eileen Mahoney, Bureau of Early Childhood Services at 1-800-343-8859 ext. 3-0711 or dial direct (518) 473-0711. Ms. Mahoney may also be contacted on-line, Userid # SVC109.

Rose M. Pandozy
Deputy Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A

PROPOSED LOW INCOME DAY CARE PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS SFY 1996-1997

ALBANY	416,890
ALLEGANY	43,661
BROOME	254,289
CATTARAUGUS	48,099
CAYUGA	44,700
CHAUTAUQUA	430,341
CHEMUNG	264,603
CHENANGO	61,597
CLINTON	147,343
COLUMBIA	83,977
CORTLAND	92,696
DELAWARE	193,538
DUTCHESS	511,218
ERIE	2,038,685
ESSEX	108,863
FRANKLIN	179,126
FULTON	42,309
GENESEE	145,178
GREENE	120,214
HAMILTON	22,155
HERKIMER	100,321
JEFFERSON	153,573
LEWIS	43,050
LIVINGSTON	149,364
MADISON	122,966
MONROE	2,426,460
MONTGOMERY	55,444
NASSAU	2,291,583
NIAGARA	647,493
ONEIDA	354,522
ONONDAGA	945,972
ONTARIO	101,931
ORANGE	366,188
ORLEANS	125,322
OSWEGO	226,736
OTSEGO	126,994
PUTNAM	48,860
RENSSELAER	193,080
ROCKLAND	648,811
ST. LAWRENCE	478,930
SARATOGA	74,506
SCHENECTADY	142,073
SCHOHARIE	35,944
SCHUYLER	36,925
SENECA	60,716
STEUBEN	835,203
SUFFOLK	1,609,394
SULLIVAN	139,606
TIOGA	95,558
TOMPKINS	206,082
ULSTER	258,482
WARREN	66,815
WASHINGTON	102,500
WAYNE	52,242
WESTCHESTER	1,002,255