

ONONDAGA COUNTY

TEMPORARY CHILD CARE SUBSIDY POLICY CHANGES FOR FAMILIES AND PROVIDERS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

TEMPORARY SUBSIDY ABSENCE PAYMENT POLICY

Onondaga County DSS will make subsidy payments to the following eligible providers that remained operating during the recovery period on behalf of a child who is temporarily absent from child care due to extenuating circumstances resulting from the child or parent being quarantined due to the effects of COVID-19. The maximum total number of paid absences will be 15 days through March 31st, 2020 (the number of absences and end date will be expanded/extended with additional waiver requests to OCFS to cover the duration of the pandemic). Payment of absences will apply to the following program types: Day Care Center, Group Family Day Care, Family Day Care, and School Age Child Care. Providers should clearly note, in CCTA or on attendance sheets, the days the child was scheduled to be in care but was not due to illness. This includes families that are self-quarantined to slow the spread or no longer working because the employer has temporarily closed due to Covid-19.

RECERTIFICATION PERIOD EXTENDED

Families not currently receiving Temporary Assistance that are due to have their child care subsidy benefit redetermined have been allowed an additional 30 days to complete their recertification. Child care benefits will continue to be provided during this extended redetermination period through 4/30/20 or until further notice.

FAMILY SHARE WAIVED FOR THOSE IMPACTED

The Family Share (a parent/caretakers contribution toward the cost of care) is now waived for those families who have been impacted by COVID-19.

INCOME GUIDELINES TEMPORARILY INCREASED (ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL)

This income standard increase applies to employees considered “essential personnel” only. The income guidelines used to determine if a family is income-eligible for the subsidy program has been temporarily increased from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level up to 85% of the State Median Income.

Federal and NYS Eligibility Levels

85% State Median Income Compared To 200% Federal Poverty Level

Family Size	85% SMI NY (FFY 2020)*	200% FPL (6/1/19-5/31/20)**	85% SMI NY / 100% FPL
1	\$42,405	\$24,980	340%
2	\$55,453	\$33,820	328%
3	\$68,501	\$42,660	321%
4	\$81,549	\$51,500	317%
5	\$94,597	\$60,340	314%
6	\$107,645	\$69,180	311%
7	\$110,091	\$78,020	282%
8	\$112,538	\$86,860	259%
Each additional Person		add \$8,840	

* State Median Income: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Table B19119, Median family income, five-year estimates 2013-2017.

** Federal Poverty Level: Based on Income Standards in 19-OCFS-INF-02.



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