



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

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March 28, 2022

Ms. Kristen Monroe, Commissioner
Cortland County Department of Social Services
County Office Building, 60 Central Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045-5590

Dear Commissioner Monroe:

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

Proposed changes:

Appendix L: Option 3, *Families with an open child protective services case when child care is needed to protect the child.*

Cortland County has requested to amend the "limitation" to the following:

Eligibility for this category includes those families with an open child protective services investigation or family assessment response, families with a current preventive services case as a result of an indicated child protective services investigation, cases where a child(ren) is placed with a relative or other significant caretaker under an Article 10 Family Court Order as well as foster care families caring for a child(ren) named in such cases. These cases are programmatically eligible based on the child's need to be protected and are not subject to work, training, or educational activities to establish eligibility. The care authorized pursuant to this provision must be related to the protection of the child(ren) as established by the district.

Your request has been approved with an effective date of March 23, 2022.

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 Darci Primeau at (518) 474-9095 or via email at Darci.Primeau@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services

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