



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

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September 15, 2021

Ms. Jennifer Jones, Commissioner  
Lewis County Department of Social Services  
5274 Outer Stowe Street, P.O. Box 193  
Lowville, NY 13367

Dear Commissioner Jones:

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

Proposed changes:

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

Lewis County has requested to expand payment for absences to contracted providers to include the provider types of "group family day care" and "family day care."

2. Appendix S: Payment to Child Care Providers for Program Closures

Lewis County has requested to expand payment for program closures to contracted providers to include the provider types of "group family day care" and "family day care."

Your request has been approved with an effective date of July 19, 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 black ink that reads "Janice M. Molnar".

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