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Subject: Fiscal Year 2013 Foster Care MSAR

Children's Services (ACS) has received the New York State OCFS Administrative Directive 13-OCFS-ADM-04 which provides guidance on the Fiscal Year 2013 rates for the Foster Care Administrative Maximum State Aid Rates (MSAR) for foster care agencies.

The administrative rates for all Specialized Family Foster Care programs and all Residential Care programs will be reimbursed at 100% of the MSAR, effective for the July 2012 service period.

For Regular Family Foster Care programs, ACS increased the rate to \$34.00 effective for the July 2012 service period.

At this time we are continuing to reimburse agencies at 100% of the Fiscal Year 2012 Foster Parent Stipend (MSAR for Foster Boarding Homes).

Please see the attached schedule for additional details.

Thank you for your continued efforts to provide quality services for New York City children and families.

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Fiscal Year 2013 Foster Care MSAR – Payment and Reconciliation Schedule

May 10, 2013

Prospective Payments

Fiscal Year 2013 Administrative MSAR rates were implemented in May and June 2013 (for the March and April service periods). Providers were informed via email when their rate changes were entered into SSPS.

Retroactive Payments

All eligible programs (Residential Care and Specialized Family Foster Care Programs) will receive a Single Issuance payment in July 2013 reflecting all necessary Administrative MSAR adjustments for the July 2012 through March 2013 service period.

Reconciliation Schedules

ACS is in the process of contacting providers to discuss the reconciliation of rate overpayments caused by the decrease of Administrative MSAR rates for the July 2012 through March 2013 service period.

Regular Family Foster Care

ACS implemented the increased Administrative MSAR rate of \$34 for Fiscal Year 2013 as of the July 2012 service period. There are no changes, prospective or retroactive to this rate.

Foster Parent Stipend MSAR for Foster Boarding Homes

At this time ACS continues to reimburse providers at 100% of the **Fiscal Year 2012** Foster Parent Stipend. There are no rate increases being implemented for Fiscal Year 2013.

ACS apologizes for the delay in implementing the Fiscal Year 2013 Administrative MSAR rates; the rates for Fiscal Year 2013 were not issued until March 11, 2013.