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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: SFY 1998/99 Family and Children's Services Block Grant
Allocations

ATTACHMENTS: SFY 1998/99 Family and Children's Services Block Grant
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide social services districts with their Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) allocations for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1998/99 (April 1, 1998 through March 30, 1999) from the SFY 1998/99 Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) appropriation (\$521,439,200). These allocations are made based on the general formula contained in Chapters 53 and 58 of the Laws of 1998 which require that 80% of the block grant appropriation be allocated based on social services districts previous claims for block grant programs and 20% on other factors to be determined by the Office.

Allocations to social services districts of Federal Title XX funds, of a transfer to Title XX from Federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, and of a \$100,000,000 EAF Set-Aside will be made to districts in separate memorandums.

The methodologies for the allocation of the FCSBG funds are set out below and are the basis for the allocations table which accompanies this memorandum as an Attachment.

After setting aside the \$7.4 million required by the appropriation language to be used for congregate foster care, 80% of the remaining FCSBG balance (\$411,231,360) has been allocated to districts based on district expenditures as adjusted by the State Random Moment Study (SRMS) for SFY 1998-99 block grant programs (foster care, adoption services other than adoption subsidy, preventive services for children and JD/PINS in Voluntary Agencies) in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1995/96 and 1996/97. This allocation was determined by adding together whichever is the higher of the district's FFY 1995/96 or FFY 1996/97 claim for each of the block grant program categories to get the district's FFY FCSBG base claim. The base claims for all districts were then totaled and each district's individual percentage share of the Statewide total was calculated. The district percentages thus calculated were used to compute the amount of each district's allocation for the 80% amount (\$411,231,360).

To this amount (\$411,231,360) was then added the distribution of the \$7.4 million for congregate foster care: \$6.4 million was distributed to New York City and \$1.0 million was distributed to Upstate districts (i.e., all districts other than New York City) in the same proportion as each Upstate district's percentage share of the 80% amount as calculated above bears to the total of the 80% amount for all of the Upstate districts combined.

Finally, the remaining 20% of the FCSBG has been allocated in the following order:

- (1) After reconstructing each district's SFY 1997-98 allocation to reflect the changes to the Block Grant statute that removed funding for child protective services and added funds for JD/PINS in voluntary agencies, a portion of the 20% of the remaining 1998-99 funds were allocated to ensure that each district's 1998/99 allocation is at least equal to the district's 1997-98 reconstructed allocation;

The reconstructing of each district's SFY 1997-98 allocation was accomplished as follows:

- (a) \$50,000,000 for Child Protective Services was subtracted from each district's SFY 1997/98 FCSBG allocation in direct proportion to each district's share of historical Child Protective Services claims (the higher claim from FFY 1995/96 or FFY 1996/97);
 - (b) then each district's JD/PINS Cap (JD/PINS in Voluntary Agencies) amount for SFY 1997/98 was added to each district's SFY 1997/98 FCSBG allocation less the district's share of Child Protective Services;
- (2) of the remaining funds, \$500,000 was set aside for grants to offset extreme foster care expenditure rises in small districts with total child population under the age of 18 of less than 16,000; and
 - (3) the remaining funds are allocated to all districts based one-half on each district's percentage of child population estimates on a Statewide basis and one-half on each district's percentage of children in poverty on a Statewide basis.

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SFY 1998/99 FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS
(Less \$500,000 for Small County Reserve)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ALBANY	9,250,429	ONEIDA	6,924,957
ALLEGANY	1,210,679	ONONDAGA	13,516,978
BROOME	4,787,282	ONTARIO	1,239,986
CATTARAUGUS	1,618,591	ORANGE	7,345,735
CAYUGA	1,583,261	ORLEANS	438,357
CHAUTAUQUA	1,654,970	OSWEGO	2,920,008
CHEMUNG	2,139,115	OTSEGO	1,099,751
CHENANGO	555,547	PUTNAM	665,665
CLINTON	1,297,408	RENSSELAER	2,818,554
COLUMBIA	1,125,396	ROCKLAND	5,223,099
CORTLAND	1,119,733	ST LAWRENCE	2,428,495
DELAWARE	960,205	SARATOGA	1,943,026
DUTCHESS	3,496,485	SCHENECTADY	5,286,942
ERIE	17,471,002	SCHOHARIE	519,917
ESSEX	466,988	SCHUYLER	418,198
FRANKLIN	446,448	SENECA	731,220
FULTON	1,239,352	STEUBEN	1,747,215
GENESEE	569,014	SUFFOLK	12,260,395
GREENE	773,998	SULLIVAN	2,309,879
HAMILTON	86,126	TIOGA	899,242
HERKIMER	682,854	TOMPKINS	1,423,146
JEFFERSON	1,977,837	ULSTER	3,984,841
LEWIS	313,041	WARREN	611,410
LIVINGSTON	674,856	WASHINGTON	927,000
MADISON	1,284,018	WAYNE	1,033,997
MONROE	20,106,856	WESTCHESTER	20,754,515
MONTGOMERY	805,009	WYOMING	579,580
NASSAU	10,995,326	YATES	230,001
NIAGARA	4,529,333		
NEW YORK CITY		327,435,932	

SUMMARY

UPSTATE TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	193,503,268
NEW YORK CITY ALLOCATION	327,435,932
SMALL COUNTY RESERVE	500,000
 TOTAL FCSBG ALLOCATIONS	 521,439,200