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REVISED DEFINITION OF REASONABLE DISTANCE FOR REFUSAL OF CHILD CARE

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<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>See PD 04-33-EMP Inappropriate Refusal of Child Care.</p> <p> Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.</p>	<p>This policy bulletin is to inform staff that New York State has revised its definition of "reasonable distance" which is used to determine accessibility to and appropriateness of refusal of child care.</p> <p>Parents/guardians who are required to be engaged in work-related activities have the right to place their child(ren) with an appropriate, <i>accessible</i>, affordable and suitable child care provider. An accessible provider is one located within a reasonable distance from home and work.</p> <p>Formerly, "reasonable distance" had been defined as travel time (by car or public transportation) of no more than one hour and 15 minutes for a one-way trip between an applicant/participant's home and the child care provider. It excluded travel time to the work activity.</p> <p>"Reasonable distance" is now defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No more than <i>one hour and 30 minutes</i> travel time (by car or public transportation) for a one-way trip between an applicant/participant's home and the <i>work activity site</i>. This <u>includes</u> time to stop at the <i>child care provider</i>. <p>Workers must explain what is considered reasonable distance when providing applicant/participants with the Important Information about Child Care (LDSS-4647).</p> <p><i>Effective Immediately</i></p> <p>Attachment:</p> <p>LDSS-4647 Important Information about Child Care (Rev. 7/99)</p>

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