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I. Purpose

The purpose of this Local Commissioners Memorandum (LCM) is to advise local departments of social services (LDSSs) of the availability of federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) funds in the state fiscal year (SFY) 2025-26. The purpose of this funding is to help states improve their response to families and infants affected by substance use disorders (including alcohol and other substances). The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is making available to LDSSs \$4,430,000 of the federal CARA funds in this SFY. This LCM also provides information on each district's allocation, how districts may use the funds, and planning and claiming requirements.

II. Background

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 was signed into law on March 23, 2018. The committee report for the appropriations act agreement specified that the increase in funding is intended to help states improve their response to families and infants affected by substance use disorders. States are required to prioritize the funds for the development, implementation, and monitoring of plans of safe care for substance-exposed infants, consistent with the requirement found in section 106(b)(2)(B)(iii) of CAPTA, as amended by CARA.

On June 4, 2018, an LCM¹ was disseminated to LDSSs requiring them to utilize the newly developed *Plan of Safe Care* form for infants born and identified as affected by prenatal substance use disorder or experiencing neonatal withdrawal symptoms or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (OCFS-2196, *Plan of Safe Care*: https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/Forms/Foster_Care/OCFS-2196.docx). In addition, LDSSs are required to monitor the activities in the *Plan of Safe Care* and document the implementation and progress of the plan in their case record.

¹ 18-OCFS-LCM-06, *Plan of Safe Care Forms*.

Attachment A
SFY 2025-26 District Allocation Amounts

District	Allocation	District	Allocation
Albany	\$90,000	Oneida	\$90,000
Allegany	\$70,000	Onondaga	\$90,000
Broome	\$70,000	Ontario	\$70,000
Cattaraugus	\$70,000	Orange	\$90,000
Cayuga	\$70,000	Orleans	\$70,000
Chautauqua	\$70,000	Oswego	\$70,000
Chemung	\$70,000	Otsego	\$70,000
Chenango	\$70,000	Putnam	\$90,000
Clinton	\$70,000	Rensselaer	\$70,000
Columbia	\$70,000	Rockland	\$90,000
Cortland	\$70,000	Saratoga	\$70,000
Delaware	\$70,000	Schenectady	\$70,000
Dutchess	\$90,000	Schoharie	\$70,000
Erie	\$90,000	Schuyler	\$70,000
Essex	\$70,000	Seneca	\$70,000
Franklin	\$70,000	Saint Lawrence	\$70,000
Fulton	\$70,000	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe	\$70,000
Genesee	\$70,000	Steuben	\$70,000
Greene	\$70,000	Suffolk	\$90,000
Hamilton	\$70,000	Sullivan	\$90,000
Herkimer	\$70,000	Tioga	\$70,000
Jefferson	\$70,000	Tompkins	\$70,000
Lewis	\$70,000	Ulster	\$90,000
Livingston	\$70,000	Warren	\$70,000
Madison	\$70,000	Washington	\$70,000
Monroe	\$90,000	Wayne	\$70,000
Montgomery	\$70,000	Westchester	\$90,000
Nassau	\$90,000	Wyoming	\$70,000
New York City	\$90,000	Yates	\$70,000
Niagara	\$70,000	Statewide Total	\$4,430,000