

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 5, 2025

Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, CLEARE, COMRIE, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, MAY, SALAZAR  
-- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to  
the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill  
amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said commit-  
tee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to implementing  
automatic market rate increases for child care assistance

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 410-x of the social services law,  
2 as added by section 52 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is  
3 amended to read as follows:  
4 4. The amount to be paid [~~or allowed~~] for child care assistance funded  
5 under the block grant shall be [~~the actual cost of care but no more~~  
6 ~~than~~] equal to the applicable [~~market-related~~] payment rate established  
7 by the department in regulations. The payment rates established by the  
8 department shall be sufficient to ensure equal access for eligible chil-  
9 dren to comparable child care assistance in the substate area that are  
10 provided to children whose parents are not eligible to receive assist-  
11 ance under any federal or state programs. Such payment rates shall take  
12 into account the variations in the costs of providing child care in  
13 different settings and to children of different age groups, and the  
14 additional costs of providing child care for children with special  
15 needs.  
16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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