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Laura Howard, Secretary
Kansas Department for Children and Families
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Dear Secretary Howard:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Kansas's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, submitted on January 10, 2024.

This letter is to inform you that the following CCDF Plan amendments were approved.

Section 2.3.11 Consumer education website link: Changes to the lead agency consumer education or Plan website address, effective September 21, 2023.

Section 3.1.3b. Income eligibility limits at the time of initial determination: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective November 12, 2023.

Section 3.1.3f. Effective date for income eligibility limits: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective November 12, 2023.

Section 3.1.3g. Provide the citation or link, if available, for the income eligibility limits: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective April 01, 2023.

Section 3.2.1a. CCDF co-payments according to family size: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective November 12, 2023.

Section 3.2.1c. What is the effective date of the sliding-fee scale(s)?: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective November 12, 2023.

Section 3.2.1d. Provide the link(s) to the sliding-fee scale: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective April 01, 2023.

Section 4.3.1a. Rates statewide or in the most populous area of the state: Change in subsidy or quality activities that affects parents and/or providers access to the program (e.g., adding a new professional development initiative or changing the subsidy application process), effective December 01, 2023.

Section 4.3.1d. Date of current payment rate: Change in subsidy or quality activities that affects parents and/or providers access to the program (e.g., adding a new professional development initiative or changing the subsidy application process), effective December 01, 2023.

Section 4.5.2 Option to allow providers to charge additional amounts: Change in subsidy or quality activities that affects parents and/or providers access to the program (e.g., adding a new professional development initiative or changing the subsidy application process), effective December 01, 2023.

Section 6.3.1a. Training and professional development activities content: The lead agency agreement with Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) for support of out-of-school time programs ended. KEN continues to provide the services with other funding. Effective July 01, 2023.

Section 7.1.1 Assessment process and frequency of assessment: The lead agency agreement with Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) for support of out-of-school time programs ended. KEN continues to provide the services with other funding. Effective July 01, 2023.

Section 7.6.1 Activities to facilitate provider compliance with health and safety requirements: The lead agency agreement with Kansas Enrichment Network (KEN) for support of out-of-school time programs ended. KEN continues to provide the services with other funding. Effective July 01, 2023.

Please note that the effective dates approved for the following amendments (3.1.3b, 3.1.3f, 3.2.1a, 3.2.1c) are indicated above, since the amendments were not submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change as required by CCDF Regulations. Any substantial change to the CCDF program in a state or territory requires an amendment to the approved Plan. Section 98.18 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provides that a Plan amendment shall be submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change (45 CFR 98.18(b)). In no case will ACF approve an effective date that is more than 60 days prior to the submission of a plan amendment.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Doris Hallford, Regional Program Manager in Region VII at (816) 426-2264 or

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We appreciate your efforts to meet the child care needs of eligible families in Kansas and look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund Program.

Sincerely,

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