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Laura Howard, Secretary
Kansas Department for Children and Families
555 S. Kansas Avenue, 4th Floor
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Dear Secretary Howard:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendment(s) to Kansas's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on December 13, 2019.

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

- **Section 3.3.3 – Change Reporting During the 12-Month Eligibility Period –** Amended to reflect the changes made to the reporting requirements. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for this requirement.
- **Section 5.2.4 – Annual Health and Safety Training Requirements –** Amended to reflect a minimum required number of hours for health and safety training topics. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for this requirement.
- **Section 5.2.5 – Ongoing Health and Safety Training –** Amended to reflect the ongoing training requirements for health and safety topics. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for this requirement.

Additionally, this letter also documents approval for waivers as applicable for sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.4-5.4.9 for Criminal Background Checks. The waiver renewals are approved for a period of no more than one additional year. States are expected to be in full compliance of the background check requirements of Section 5.4 by September 30, 2020. OCC does not have authority under the current law to grant any additional extensions after this date.

This letter also documents the updated status for sections 5.4.2 – 5.4.3 for Criminal Background Checks. We acknowledge the efforts in implementing these requirements and congratulate you on this achievement.

- **Section 5.4.2 –5.4.3-** Amended to reflect the In-State Child Abuse and Neglect requirements and In-State Sex Offender Registry requirements are fully implemented for all staff. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer under a waiver for this requirement. The effective date for the amendments in Section 5.4 to the Kansas CCDF Plan is December 1, 2018.

Finally, this letter also documents approval for of your request for supplemental disaster funds.

- **Section 1.8.3 – Disaster Plans - Post-Disaster Recovery (Request for Supplemental Disaster Funds)** – Amended to include your request for the supplemental disaster funds. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's request is approved. You will receive a separate Notice of Award from the Office of Administration in the Administration for Children and Families. The notice will include the amount of award and any terms and conditions for the receipt of these CCDF program funds.

The effective dates of December 1, 2018, August 1, 2019, and September 20, 2019 for these amendments and waivers for the Kansas CCDF Plan are noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Doris Hallford, Child Care Program Manager in our Kansas City Regional Office at (816) 426-2264 or doris.hallford@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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