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Ms. Courtney Hawkins, Director  
RI Department of Human Services  
57 Howard Ave  
Cranston, RI 02920

Dear Director Hawkins:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendment to Rhode Island's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on August 6, 2019.

This letter is to inform you that the following CCDF Plan amendment was approved.

- **Section 4.3.1- Setting Payment Rates**– Amended to reflect a 2.5% increase in the base rate for family child care providers serving all age groups, effective July 1, 2019. Please note, Rhode Island remains on a Corrective Action Plan for **Section 4.4.1b Equal Access** for your FY 2019-2021 CCDF Plan, and, therefore still subject to the notice of non-compliance issued on April 12, 2019 until all CCDF requirements are met.
- **Section 4.3.2- Payment Rate Differentials**- Amended to reflect the implementation of tiered reimbursement rates for family child care providers serving infants and toddlers based on a provider's quality rating, effective July 1, 2019.

The effective date of July 1, 2019 for this amendment to the Rhode Island CCDF Plan is noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

We look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund program. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Shireen Riley, Child Care Program Manager in our Boston Regional Office at 617-565-1152 or [Shireen.riley@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Shireen.riley@acf.hhs.gov).

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

Sincerely,

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