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Dear Senior Associate Director Racine,

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Rhode Island's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, initially submitted on September 9, 2022, with a final submission on January 4, 2023.

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

- **Section 3.1.2(a) - Eligibility criteria** – Amended to reflect codifying enrollment in a Rhode Island public institution of higher education as a reason for care.
- **Section 3.1.3 – Income Eligibility** – Amended to reflect updated eligibility limits.
- **Section 3.2.1 – Family Contribution to Co-Payments** – Amended to reflect updated Family co-pay amounts.
- **Section 3.2.4 (c) – Family Contribution to Co-Payments** – Amended to reflect the lead agency waives co-pays for RIWorks (TANF) families and does not reflect a policy change since October 1, 2021.
- **Section 3.2.5 (a) – Graduated Phase Out at Redetermination** – Amended to reflect an increase to the second tier of eligibility (which remains lower than 85 percent of SMI).
- **Section 4.3.1 – Setting Payment Rates** – Amended to update Center-based rates and corresponding percentiles effective on 7/1/2022 and Family Child Care rates and corresponding percentiles effective 1/1/2023. Embedded in the FCC update is a retroactive rate increase for the period of 1/1/2022-12/31/2022 that was ratified by the Union and signed by the state in December 2022. Please note, compliance decisions for Section 4.3.1 are still pending, per the CCDF plan approval letter sent to the Lead Agency on December 13, 2021.
- **Section 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 – Differential Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect updates to quality differential rates for School Age programs and Family Child Care providers.

- **Section 4.3.4 – Establishment of Adequate Payment Rates** - Amended to reflect increases to Center-based rates and corresponding percentiles effective on 7/1/2022 and Family Child Care rates and corresponding percentiles effective 1/1/2023. Please note, compliance decisions for Section 4.3.4 are still pending, per the CCDF plan approval letter sent to the Lead Agency on December 13, 2021.
- **Section 4.3.5 – Payment Rates for Higher Quality**- Amended to reflect changes to the quality rate structure for School-Age Programs and Family Child Care Providers. Please note, compliance decisions for Section 4.3.5 are still pending, per the CCDF plan approval letter sent to the Lead Agency on December 13, 2021.
- **Section 4.3.6 – Additional factors in Establishment of Adequate Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect rate increases effective 7/1/2022 (Centers) and 1/1/2023 (Family Child Care Providers)
- **Section 4.5.1 – Establish Affordable Co-Payments**– Amended to reflect changes in family co-pay levels based on FPL increases.

The effective dates of October 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, for these amendments to the Rhode Island 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 Shireen Riley, Child Care Program Manager in our Boston Regional Office at 617-565-1152 or Shireen.riley@acf.hhs.gov.

We appreciate your efforts to meet the child care needs of eligible families in 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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