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Ronald Racine, Senior Associate Director  
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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, submitted on May 29, 2024.

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

Section 3.4.1a. Policies and procedures relating to a minimum 12-month eligibility period: Changes to indicate compliance with a monitoring or Plan noncompliance finding (may be a change in process or practice, like adding information on training), effective December 01, 2023. Amended to reflect that Rhode Island no longer terminates eligibility during the 12-month eligibility period for non-cooperation with child support. However, Rhode Island remains non-compliant with the 12-month eligibility provision at 98.21(a)(1) for 3.4.1(a) 12-month eligibility for your FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan, as documented in the Preliminary Notice of Possible Non-Compliance sent on March 2, 2023.

Section 5.3.7a. Standard(s): Changes to indicate compliance with a monitoring or Plan noncompliance finding (may be a change in process or practice, like adding information on training), effective March 01, 2024. However, Rhode Island remains non-compliant for Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning Health and Safety Requirements 98.41(a)(1)(vii) for 5.3,7(a) for your FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan because Rhode Island does not have a standard for all components of emergency preparedness and response planning for Family Child Care and Group Family Child Care Programs, as documented in the Preliminary Notice of Possible Non-Compliance sent on March 2, 2023.

Section 5.3.10b. Pre-Service and ongoing training: Changes to indicate compliance with a monitoring or Plan noncompliance finding (may be a change in process or practice, like adding information on training), effective March 01, 2024. Approval of this amendment indicates that Rhode Island's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and clears related monitoring finding for 98.44(b)(1)(i).

Section 5.3.13a. Licensed child care centers: Changes to indicate compliance with a monitoring or Plan noncompliance finding (may be a change in process or

practice, like adding information on training), effective March 01, 2024. Approval of this amendment indicates that Rhode Island's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and clears related monitoring finding for 98.44(b)(2).

Section 5.4.1a. Health and Safety standard procedures: 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 March 01, 2024.

Section 5.4.1b. Health and Safety Training procedures: 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 March 01, 2024.

Section 5.4.2a. Licensed CCDF center-based child care: 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 March 01, 2024. However, Rhode Island remains non-compliant with inspections for licensed CCDF providers provision 98.42(b)(2)(i) for 5.4.2(a) for your FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan because Rhode Island does not have a requirement for annual unannounced visits for Family Child Care and Group Family Child Care Programs and does not have a standard and therefore cannot monitor for all components of Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning, as documented in the Preliminary Notice of Possible Non-Compliance sent on March 2, 2023.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Samantha Reinstein, Regional Program Manager in Region I at (617) 565-1149 or [Samantha.Reinstein@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Samantha.Reinstein@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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