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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 April 25, 2022.

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

- **Section 1.1.1 – CCDF Leadership** – Amended to reflect new Lead Agency Official.
- **Section 1.1.2 – CCDF Leadership** – Amended to reflect change in CCDF Administrator.
- **Section 2.3.7 – Consumer Education** – Amended to reflect a change in how the Lead Agency is posting their monitoring reports.
- **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 including the cap on family contribution set at 7% of family income.
- **Section 3.2.4 (c) – Family Contribution to Co-Payments** – Amended to update the state extended from December 31, 2021 to March 6, 2022 the COVID-19 related policy of waiving co-payments for all families using Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act funds.
- **Section 4.1.8 (e) - Implement Supply Building Mechanisms** – Amended to update ARPA Stabilization Grant information
- **Section 4.3.1 – Setting Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect the January 1, 2022 sunset of the state's COVID-19 Enhanced Rates. 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 4.3.3 – Differential Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect the January 1, 2022 sunset of the state’s COVID-19 Enhanced Rates.
- **Section 4.3.4 – Establishment of Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect the January 1, 2022 sunset of the state’s COVID-19 Enhanced Rates. 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 the January 1, 2022 sunset of the state’s COVID-19 Enhanced Rates. 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 4.4.1 (b) – Payment Practices** – Amended to reflect the state will continue the COVID-19 related policy of paying-based on enrollment using ARPA discretionary funds.
- **Section 4.5.1 – Establish Affordable Co-Payments**– Amended to reflect the cap on family contribution set at 7% of family income for all CCDF families

The effective dates of January 1, January 3, February 4, February 28, April 1, April 21, and May 9, 2022 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](mailto: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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