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Dear Senior Associate Director Racine:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendment to Rhode Island's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, submitted on October 20, 2023.

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

Section 5.4.2a. Licensed CCDF center-based child care: 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 August 21, 2023. While the Rhode Island now has a requirement for annual unannounced inspections for Licensed Centers and School-Age providers the lead agency remains non-compliant with 45 CFR 98.42(b)(2)(i) in your 2022-2024 CCDF Plan sections 5.4.2b and 5.4.1a, as documented in the Preliminary Notice of Possible Non-Compliance sent on June 2, 2023. This is because Rhode Island does not have a requirement for annual unannounced inspections for Family Child Care Home and Group Family Child Care Home providers (5.4.2b) and Rhode Island does not include in the annual unannounced inspection (for all CCDF provider types) compliance with all subcomponents of Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning and Pediatric (or age-appropriate) First Aid and CPR training because they do not have corresponding standards (5.4.1a).

Please note that the effective date approved for the following amendment (5.4.2a) is indicated above, since the amendment was not submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change as required by CCDF Regulations. Any substantial change to the CCDF program in a state or territory requires an amendment to the approved Plan. Section 98.18 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provides that a Plan amendment shall be submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change (45 CFR 98.18(b)). In no case will ACF approve an effective date that is more than 60 days prior to the submission of a plan amendment.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Shireen Riley, Regional Program Manager in Region I 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

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Island and look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund Program.

Sincerely,

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