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Dear Director Chatterjee:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Oregon's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FY 2022-2024, submitted on April 21, 2022.

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

- **Section 1.1.2 – CCDF Administrator** – Amended to update the CCDF Administrator effective November 1, 2021.
- **Section 2.3.5 – Consumer Education Website** – Amended to reflect the current capabilities of the consumer education website effective October 1, 2021.
- **Section 3.1.5 – Eligible Children and Families** – Amended to further describe priority processing for determining eligibility effective November 30, 2021.
- **Section 3.2.1 - Family Contribution to Payments** – Amended to increase the eligibility income limit to 200% FPL effective January 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.2.3. – Family Contribution to Payments** – Amended to waive copays for families on medical leave effective November 25, 2021.
- **Section 3.2.4 – Family Contribution to Payments** – Amended to waive copays for Teen Parent Program contracted slots effective August 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.2.5 – Graduated Phase-Out** - Amended to increase the eligibility income limit to 200% FPL effective January 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.3.1 – Increasing Access for Vulnerable Children** – Amended to update the new initial eligibility limit effective January 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.4.3 – Change Reporting during the 12-month eligibility period** – Amended to reflect current practices regarding change reporting effective October 1,

2021. Please note, until implementation of this practice has been confirmed to comply with the CCDF regulatory requirements, Oregon remains subject to a preliminary notice of non-compliance for this provision.

- **Section 4.3.1 – Establish Adequate Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect that January 1, 2022, was the effective date for the current payment rates.
- **Section 4.3.4 – Establishment of Adequate Payment Rates** – Amended to update payment rates effective January 1, 2022. Please note, Oregon has not yet been issued a compliance decision on sufficient rates within this section until any state or territory waivers for adequate payment rates expire, sometime after July 1, 2022.
- **Section 4.4.1 – Implement Generally Accepted Payment Practices** – Amended to reflect the absence and billing policies for Teen Parent Providers effective August 1, 2022.
- **Section 5.3.4 – Prevention & Response to Emergencies Due to Food and Allergic Reactions** – Amended to reflect adoption of standards for the prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions effective March 30, 2022. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon’s CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.
- **Section 5.3.9 – Pre-Service and Ongoing Training** – Amended to include a new training requirement for the transportation of children effective March 30, 2022. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon’s CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.
- **Section 5.3.12 – Child Development** – Amended to reflect the adoption of the rule requiring the completion of a new Child Development Training effective March 30, 2022. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon’s CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.
- **Section 5.4.4 – Inspections for license-exempt in-home care** – Amended to reflect monitoring processes for license-exempt providers effective October 1, 2021.
- **Section 5.5.2 – Procedures to Respond to Interstate Background Checks** – Amended to reflect the current procedure for conditional enrollment, or provisional employment effective October 1, 2021. Please note, Oregon remains non-compliant for your FY 22-24 CCDF Plan, and, therefore still subject to the notice of non-compliance issued on December 13, 2021, until all CCDF requirements are met.
- **Section 5.5.5 – Procedures for a Lead Agency to Respond to Interstate Background Checks** – Amended to include additional detail for the procedures to respond to Interstate Background Checks effective October 1, 2021. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon’s CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.

The effective dates for these amendments to the Oregon 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 Paul Noski, Child Care Program Manager in our Seattle Regional Office at (206) 615-2609 and paul.noski@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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