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Dear Director Calderon:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Oregon's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on May 29, 2020.

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

- **Sections 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 3.1.2, 3.1.5, 3.1.7, 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.1.10, 3.2.5, 3.2.6, 3.3.1, 3.4.4, 4.1.3, 4.5.1, 4.6.2, 8.1.2, 8.1.3 & 8.1.5** – Amended to reflect the implementation of Baby Promise, Oregon's infant-toddler supply and quality building initiative. The amendment also reflects that Child Care Resource and Referral agencies make eligibility determinations for the Baby Promise program. The effective for this amendment was April 1, 2020.
- **Section 1.2.3 – Monitoring Other Agencies** – Amended to decrease frequency of Secretary of State independent audits from annually to once every three years effective April 1, 2020.
- **Section 1.4.1 – Coordination** – Amended to add coordination with TANF to provide child care subsidy eligibility materials for child welfare effective March 1, 2020.
- **Section 1.8.3 – Post-Disaster Recovery** – Amended to apply for Supplemental Disaster Relief Funds effective June 1, 2020.
- **Section 2.3.7 – Posting Reports** – Amended to include posting of monitoring and inspection reports effective December 30, 2019. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.
- **Sections 3.1.3 and 3.4.1– Income Eligibility and Family Contribution** – Amended to reflect increase in eligibility limits using FFY 2020 State Median Income (SMI) guidelines effective March 1, 2020.

- **Sections 5.4.7 and 5.4.8 – Criminal Background Checks** – Amended to reflect implementation of interstate sex offender registry and child abuse and neglect checks effective December 30, 2019. Approval of this amendment indicates that Oregon’s CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.
- **Section 7.5.1 – Infant & Toddler Quality** – Amended to reflect the addition of training and professional development to enhance providers' ability to provide developmentally appropriate services to infants and toddlers and the provision to providers working with infants and toddlers. The effective date for this amendment was April 1, 2020.
- **Section 7.10.1 – Program Standards** – Amended to remove requirement of on-site Classroom Assessment (CLASS) of adult child interaction in top-rated child care programs effective April 1, 2020.

The following amendments were approved in relation to COVID-19:

- **Section 1.8.2 – Disaster Plan** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for Amended for COVID-19, operation of emergency child care was added to the CCDF program.
- **Section 3.4.4 – Copayments** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVI-19, copayments were waived for all families. Approval of this amendment as per the waiver effective April 21, 2020.
- **Section 4.5.1 – Payment Practices** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVID-19 changes were made to payment practices.
- **Sections 5.4.1, 5.4.4 and 5.4.9 – Criminal Background Checks** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVID-19, fingerprinting requirement was waived. Approval of this amendment as per the waiver effective April 21, 2020.
- **Section 5.2.3 – Health and Safety Training** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVID-19 preservice training requirement for Aide 1 and Assistant 1 positions were waived. Approval of this amendment as per the waiver effective April 21, 2020.
- **Section 5.3.1 – Inspections** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVID-19, virtual inspections were allowed. Approval of this amendment as per the waiver April 21, 2020.

- **Section 7.11.2 – Other Quality Activities** – Amended to reflect that during the state declared emergency for COVID-19 Emergency Child Care grant program was added in response to COVID-19.

The effective dates for these amendments to the Oregon CCDF Plan are noted on the amendments log in the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

We look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund program. 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 or paul.noski@acf.hhs.gov.

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