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Miriam Calderon, Early Learning Systems Director
Oregon Department of Education
Early Learning Division
775 Summer Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Director Calderon:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver request for Oregon's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019 - 2021, submitted March 24, 2020.

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

- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.42(b)(2) for inspections for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 8, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your health and safety inspection policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.43(b)(1)-(3) for fingerprinting child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 8, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your criminal background check requirement policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.44(b) for training for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 8, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your health and safety training policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.45(b)(5) and 45 CFR 98.45(k)(4) for copayments for families and children impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective March 8, 2020 through the duration of the state-declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-

118 to reflect the changes to your copayment policy specific for families covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.

For any amendment to your CCDF Plan, you may want to consider a temporary, or sun-setting, amendment or an amendment that is specific to the disaster, so you will not have to submit a later amendment changing it back. For changes that do not require a waiver, you may implement them immediately. CCDF Lead Agencies must submit a Plan amendment within 60 days after making a substantial change to their Plan.

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.

Sincerely,



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Director
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