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Dear Executive Director Jones:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to North Dakota's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, submitted on May 9, 2022.

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

- **Section 1.1.2- CCDF Leadership-** Amended to reflect a change in the Lead Agency's Co-Administrator's last name effective January 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.1.3- Eligible Children and Families-** Amended to reflect a change in the eligibility chart effective February 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.2.1- Family Contribution to Payments -** Amended to reflect a change in the co-payment chart effective February 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.2.5a- Polices and processes for graduated phase-out of assistance at redetermination -** Amended to reflect a change in the Lead Agency's eligibility threshold to 85 percent State Median Income (SMI); as a result, graduated phase-out is not required effective February 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.4.2b - Continuing assistance for "job search" and a Lead Agency's option to discontinue assistance during the minimum 12-month eligibility period** – Amended to reflect a change in the language as well as allowance for 3 full months of activity search effective May 1, 2022. Approval of this amendment indicates that North Dakota's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule
- **Section 5.2.2a- Standards for Rations, Group Size and Qualifications for CCF Providers -** Amended to reflect a change in the Lead Agency's ratio and group sizes for School Age Licensed care effective January 1, 2022.

The effective dates for these amendments to the North Dakota's 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 Karen Knoll-Moran, Child Care Program Manager in our Denver Regional Office at (303) 844-1164 or Karen.KnollMoran@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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