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Dr. Michael F. Rice, State Superintendent
Michigan Department of Education
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Dear State Superintendent Rice:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Michigan's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on February 26, 2019.

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

- **Section 4.4.1- Payment Rates-** Amended to reflect changes to payment practices related to Michigan's implementation of a block payment structure.
- **Section 4.5.1-Equal Access-Amended** to reflect payment practices implemented for all CCDF child care providers. Approval of this amendment indicates that Michigan's CCDF Plan demonstrated compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer under a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for this requirement. The effective date for this amendments to the Michigan CCDF Plan is February 17, 2019.
- **Section 5.2.2 - Health and Safety Standards** - Amended to reflect that updated health and safety standards for programs serving children receiving CCDF assistance are defined and established on the following topics. State has indicated that the timeline for the implementation of these standards through regulation is now Fall 2019.
 - a.2. Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the use of other safe-sleep practices
 - a.6. Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment
 - a.7. Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human caused
 - a. 10. Pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
 - a.11. Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

The effective date for this amendment to the Michigan CCDF Plan is February 25, 2019. Please note, Michigan remains on a Corrective Action Plan for **Section 5.2.2 - Health and Safety Standards** for your FY 2019-2021 CCDF Plan, and, therefore still subject to the notice of non-compliance issued on April 12, 2019 until all CCDF requirements are met.

Additionally, this letter also documents the updated status sections 5.4.1 - 5.4.8 for Criminal Background Checks. We acknowledge the efforts in implementing these requirements and congratulate you on this achievement.

- **Section 5.4.1 -5.4.8-** Amended to reflect background check requirements are fully implemented for all staff. Approval of this amendment indicates that Michigan's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and is no longer needing a waiver for this requirement. The effective date for the amendments in Section 5.4 to the Michigan CCDF Plan is May 28, 2019.

Furthermore, we acknowledge the grammatical and editorial edits provided in Sections 1.8.4 and 1.8.5 - Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan, 2.6.1 - Consumer Statement for Parents Receiving CCDF funds, 3.1.9 - Eligible Children and Families, 5.3.3 - Monitoring and enforcement and 7.1.2 - Quality Activities.

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 Gena L. Miller, Child Care Program Manager in our Chicago Regional Office at (312) 353-3270 or gena.miller@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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