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Shana Young, Interim State Superintendent  
Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
1050 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE  
Washington, District of Columbia 20002

Dear Interim State Superintendent Young:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver request for the District of Columbia's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on September 30, 2020.

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

- Your request to waive the statutory requirement at 45 CFR § 98.43(b)(3)(iii) for interstate child abuse and neglect checks for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.4.8 policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the statutory requirement at 45 CFR § 98.43(d)(4) for fingerprint requirements for prospective staff members (provisional hire requirement) for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.4.9 policy specific for providers 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 once the emergency has ended. 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 Agda Burchard, Child Care Program Manager in our Philadelphia Regional Office at (206) 615-2482 and [agda.burchard@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:agda.burchard@acf.hhs.gov) .

Sincerely,



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