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Hanseul Kang, State Superintendent
Office of the State Superintendent of Education
1050 1st Street, NE
Washington, District of Columbia 20002

Dear State Superintendent Kang:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver requests for the District of Columbia's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on June 4, 2020.

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

- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 C.F.R. § 98.42 (b)(2) for the enforcement of licensing and health and safety requirements for providers impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective April 1, 2020 through the duration of the District of Columbia declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Sections 5.3.1, 5.3.2 and 5.3.3 policies specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 C.F.R. § 98.43 (a)(1)(iii) to respond as expeditiously as possible, in order to accommodate the 45 day timeframe, to other States', Territories', and Tribes' requests for background check results for providers impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective April 1, 2020 through the duration of the District of Columbia declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.4.10 policy for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 C.F.R. § 98.43 (d)(3)(iii) for a new background check for providers separated from employment for more than 180 days for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective April 1, 2020 through the duration of the District of Columbia declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the

changes to your background check policies specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.

- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 C.F.R. § 98.43 (e)(1) for completing background checks within 45 days for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective April 1, 2020 through the duration of the District of Columbia declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 5.4.10 policy for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 C.F.R. § 98.45(k) for copayments for families impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective April 1, 2020, through the duration of the District of Columbia declared emergency period, not to exceed one year initially. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Section 3.4.4 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 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 (215) 861-4096 and agda.burchard@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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