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Ken Schatz, Commissioner Vermont Department for Children and Families 280 State Drive, NOB 1 North Waterbury, VT 05671-1040

Dear Commissioner Schatz:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendment to Vermont's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on March 7, 2019.

This letter is to inform you that the following CCDF Plan amendment was approved.

Section 4.3.1 - Setting Payment Rates - Amended to reflect an increase in center-based and family child care rates for infants and toddlers. Please note, Vermont remains on a Corrective Action Plan for Section 4.4.1b Equal Access for your FY 2019-2021 CCDF Plan, and, is therefore still subject to the notice of non-compliance issued on April 12, 2019 until all CCDF requirements are met.

The effective date of January 6, 2019 for this amendment to the Vermont CCDF Plan is noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

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 Shireen Riley, Child Care Program Manager in our Boston Regional Office at 617-565-1152 or shireen.riley@acf.hhs.gov.

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

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