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Janet McLaughlin, Deputy Commissioner
Vermont Department for Children and Families
280 State Drive, NOB 1 North
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Dear Deputy Commissioner McLaughlin:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Vermont's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, submitted on September 13, 2023.

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

Section 3.2.4 Waiving family contributions/co-payments: Amended to reflect a technical correction to clarify policies (or procedures) that were in place prior to the start of this plan cycle.

Section 4.1.8a. Children in underserved areas: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.1.8b. Infants and toddlers: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.1a. Rates statewide or in the most populous area of the state: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.1d. Date of current payment rate: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.1f. Provide the citation, or link, if available, to the payment rates: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.2 Differentiating payment rates: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes

in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.3 Establishing tiered rates, differential rates, or add-ons on top of their base rates: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.4a. Establishment of adequate payment rates: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.4b. Process used for setting rates: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.3.5 Cost of higher quality: Changes that affect CCDF administration and policies such as policy changes to program eligibility (e.g., changes in income eligibility levels), payment rates, sliding fee scales, effective July 02, 2023.

Section 4.5.2 Option to allows providers to charge additional amounts: Updating 4.5.2 (ii) to include data on providers charging additional amounts to families. , effective August 30, 2023. Approval of this amendment indicates that Vermont's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Shireen Riley, Regional Program Manager in Region I at (617) 565-1152 or shireen.riley@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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