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Janet McLaughlin, Deputy Commissioner  
Vermont Department for Children and Families  
280 State Drive, NOB 1 North  
Waterbury, Vermont 05671

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 February 14, 2024.

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

Section 3.1.2c. Child care provision for children under protective services: 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 February 14, 2024.

Section 3.1.4b. Asset limit waiver on case-by-case basis: 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 February 14, 2024.

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 4.3.1a. 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 December 17, 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 December 17, 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 December 17, 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 December 17, 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 December 17, 2023.

Section 4.4.1c. Generally accepted payment practices: 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. This item has been amended to reflect a policy or program change included in the CCDF Plan. However, Vermont remains non-compliant with paying for reasonable mandatory registration fees provision at 98.45(l)(3)(ii) for 4.4.1c Generally Accepted Payment Practices for your FFY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan, as documented in the letter sent on March 11, 2024.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Samantha Reinstein, Regional Program Manager in Region I at (617) 565-1149 or [Samantha.Reinstein@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Samantha.Reinstein@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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