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Miranda Gray, Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Gray:

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 April 14, 2022.

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

- **Section 3.2.1 – Family Contribution to Payments** – Amended to update co-payment amounts based on increased rates for licensed centers and registered family child care homes, effective February 13, 2022.
- **Section 3.2.2 – Family Contribution to Payments: How Family Contribution is Calculated** – Amended to reflect updated timeline for the implementation of a new state child care information database. Please note, Vermont remains non-compliant for **Section 3.2.2 Family Contribution to Payments** for your FY 2022-2024 CCDF Plan, and, therefore still subject to the notice of non-compliance issued on December 13, 2021 until all CCDF requirements are met.
- **Section 4.1.8e – Maximize Parental Choice and Implement Supply Building Mechanisms** – Amended to include information on American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Stabilization Grants, which began in November 2021.
- **Section 4.3.1 – Setting Payment Rates** – Amended to reflect increase in Lead Agency's payment rates for licensed centers and registered family child care homes, effective February 13, 2022. Please note, compliance decisions for Section 4.3.1 are still pending, per the CCDF plan approval letter sent to the Lead Agency on December 13, 2021.

In addition, web links were updated in sections 3.1.3 and 3.2.1.

The effective dates of February 13, 2022 and April 14, 2022 for these amendments to the Vermont CCDF Plan are noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

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 Vermont and look forward to our continued partnership in the administration of your Child Care and Development Fund Program.

Sincerely,

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