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Dear Director Calderon:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Oregon's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on April 10, 2020.

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

- Section 1.1.2 Lead Agency Amended to reflect Crys O'Grady as the CCDF Co-Administrator effective April 6, 2020.
- Section 3.1.1 b Eligibility Amended to reflect increase in upper age limit from 17 years to 18 years for children who are incapable of self-care effective January 1, 2020.
- Section 3.1.3 Eligible Children and Families Amended to reflect income eligibility increases effective March 1, 2019.
- Section 3.4.1– Income Eligibility and Family Contribution Amended to reflect a Sliding Fee Scale based on the State Median Income for Fiscal Year 2019. The effective date for this amendment was March 1, 2019.

The effective dates for these amendments to the Oregon CCDF Plan are noted on the amendments log in the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

Please note that the effective date approved for the amendments to Sections 3.1.3 and 3.4.1 is February 10, 2020, since the amendment was not submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change as required by Child Care and Development (CCDF) Regulations. Any **substantial** change to the CCDF Program in a State requires an amendment to the approved Plan. Section 98.18 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provides that a Plan amendment shall be submitted within 60 days of the effective date of change (45 CFR 98.18(b)). In no case will ACF approve an effective date that is more than 60 days prior to the submission of a plan amendment.

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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 Paul Noski, Child Care Program Manager in our Seattle Regional Office at (206) 615-2609 or paul.noski@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of Child Care

cc: Crys O'Grady, Child Care Policy Analyst/CCDF Co-Administrator, Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education Amy Joyce, Child Care Director, Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education Paul Noski, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care Region 10 Valentina Asare-Adjebeng, Regional Liaison, Office of Child Care