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Sheila Poole, Acting Commissioner
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
52 Washington Street
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Dear Acting Commissioner Poole:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendment(s) to New York's conditionally approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019-2021, submitted on April 30, 2019.

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

- **Consumer and Provider Education (45 CFR 98.33)**

Section 3.3.4 - Amended to reflect the prevention of the disruption of employment, education, or job training activities. Approval of this amendment indicates New York's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.

- **Supply Building Strategies to Meet the Needs of Certain Populations (45 CFR 98.16(x)) –**

Section 4.6.3 - Amended to reflect that the Lead Agency has the ability to prioritize increasing access to high-quality child care. Approval of this amendment indicates New York's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.

- **Health and Safety Requirements – Standards (45 CFR 98.41)**

Section 5.2.1c - Amended to reflect that the Lead Agency has Standards on ratios, group sizes, and qualifications for in-home providers. Approval of this amendment indicates New York's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule.

- **Health and Safety Requirements – Training (45 CFR 98.44) –**

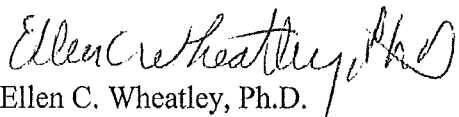
Section 5.2.3e1 - Amended to reflect that the state is complying with the requirements for the pre-service training for all modalities of care except license-exempt relatives.

The effective dates of April 30, 2019 for these amendments(s) to the New York State CCDF Plan are 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 Magdamari Marcano, Child Care Program Manager in our **New York** Regional Office at 26 Federal Plaza, Room 4114, New York, NY 10278, (212)264-2890 extension 182, Magdamari.marcano@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,


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