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Carole Johnson, Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Human Services
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Dear Commissioner Johnson:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver request for New Jersey's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019 - 2021, submitted September 30, 2020.

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

- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.33 (a) (4) and (5) for posting monitoring and inspection reports and aggregated data on serious injuries, deaths and cases of child abuse for license-exempt child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective September 30, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Consumer and Provider Education policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.43(b) for the comprehensive background checks for summer camps and the interstate sex offender registry for staff for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective September 30, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Criminal Background Check policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirement at 45 CFR §98.45 (d)(1) for a statistically valid and reliable market rate survey that reflects variation by category of provider for child care programs impacted by COVID-19 has been approved effective September 30, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Equal Access policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.

For any amendment to your CCDF Plan, you may want to consider a temporary, or sun-setting, amendment or an amendment that is specific to the disaster, so you will not have to

submit a later amendment changing it back once the emergency has ended. For changes that do not require a waiver, you may implement them immediately. CCDF Lead Agencies must submit a Plan amendment within 60 days after making a substantial change to their Plan.

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 Shonda Laurel, Child Care Program Manager in our New York Regional Office at 646-905-8157 and Shonda.Laurel@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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