

Laura Howard, Secretary Kansas Department for Children and Families 555 S. Kansas Avenue, 4th Floor Topeka, Kansas 66603-3444

## Dear Secretary Howard:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to Kansas's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2022-2024, submitted on April 2, 2024.

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

Section 2.3.8b. Required elements included in aggregate data: Changes to indicate compliance with a monitoring or Plan noncompliance finding (may be a change in process or practice, like adding information on training), effective April 01, 2024. Approval of this amendment indicates that Kansas's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with the Final Rule and clears related monitoring finding for 98.33(a)(5).

Section 3.1.3b. Income eligibility limits at the time of initial determination: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.1.3d. State Median Income (SMI) source and year: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.1.3f. Effective date for income eligibility limits: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.1.5a. eligibility determination: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.2.1a. CCDF co-payments according to family size: 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 April 01,

2024.

Section 3.2.1c. What is the effective date of the sliding-fee scale(s)?: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.2.5a. Policies and procedures for graduated phase-out of assistance at redetermination: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.2.5b. Family co-payments during the graduated phase-out period: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.3.3 Other priority groups: 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 April 01, 2024.

Section 3.3.4 Additional priority groups: 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 April 01, 2024.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Doris Hallford, Regional Program Manager in Region VII at (816) 426-2264 or doris.hallford@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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