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Clarence H. Carter, Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Human Services
James K Polk Building, 15th Floor
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1403

Dear Commissioner Carter:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of your waiver request for Tennessee's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for 2019 - 2021, submitted May 6, 2021.

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

- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.43(b)(2) for the National Sex Offender Registry background checks for Temporary Child Care programs operating during the COVID-19 pandemic has been approved effective March 3, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Temporary Child Care Programs background check policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.43(b)(3)(i)(B) Interstate Criminal Registry background checks for Temporary Child Care programs operating during the COVID-19 pandemic has been approved effective March 3, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Temporary Child Care Programs background check policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.43(b)(3)(ii) for the Interstate Sex Offender background checks for Temporary Child Care programs operating during the COVID-19 pandemic has been approved effective March 3, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Temporary Child Care Programs background check policy specific for providers covered under this waiver request within 60 days of this approval.
- Your request to waive the requirements at 45 CFR 98.43(b)(3)(iii) for the Interstate Child Abuse and Neglect Registry background checks for Temporary Child Care programs operating during the COVID-19 pandemic has been approved effective March

3, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Please submit a Plan amendment via the ACF-118 to reflect the changes to your Temporary Child Care Programs background check 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 Eric Blanchette, Child Care Program Manager in our Atlanta Regional Office at 404-562-2782 or eric.blanchette@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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