

Pat Traynor, Interim Health & Human Services Commissioner North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325 Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Dear Interim Health & Human Services Commissioner Traynor:

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to North Dakota's approved Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan for FFY 2025-2027, submitted on July 28, 2025.

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

Eligibility and Enrollment: Continuity of Care (12-Month Eligibility)

- Plan Question 2.5.2a. Minimum 12-month eligibility at initial determination. Amended to reflect changes that affect CCDF administration, procedures, and/or policies that affect parents and/or providers access to the program, effective 5/1/2025. Approval of this amendment indicates that North Dakota's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with 98.21(a)(1).
- Plan Question 2.5.2c. Policies for redetermination. Amended to reflect changes that affect CCDF administration, procedures, and/or policies that affect parents and/or providers access to the program, effective 5/1/2025. Approval of this amendment indicates that North Dakota's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with 98.21(a)(1)(ii).

Eligibility and Enrollment: Prioritization of Populations

• Plan Question 2.3.3c. Coordination around grace period. Amended to reflect Changes that affect CCDF administration, procedures, and/or policies that affect parents and/or providers access to the program, effective 5/12/2025. Approval of this amendment indicates that North Dakota's CCDF Plan demonstrates compliance with 98.41(a)(1)(i)(C)(4).

Health and Safety: Posting Inspection Reports

• Plan Question 5.5.4c. Posting of monitoring and inspection reports and/or related summaries. Amended to reflect changes to the lead agency consumer education or Plan website address, effective 6/19/2025.

Consumer Education: Website and Resources for Parents

• Plan Question 9.1.1f. Sharing information about substantiated complaints publicly. Amended to reflect changes to the lead agency consumer education or Plan website address, effective 6/19/2025.

• Plan Question 9.2.3a. Searchable list of licensed providers. Amended to reflect changes to the lead agency consumer education or Plan website address, effective 6/19/2025.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact Kathleen Pathan, Regional Program Manager at (303) 844-6294 and kathleen.pathan@acf.hhs.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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