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Ms. Shannon Christian, Director
Office of Child Care
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
330 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Update for Michigan Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan Conditionally
Approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

Dear Director Christian:

Please accept the following quarterly update from Michigan as a status report of our
CAP for the state's FY19-FY21 CCDF State Plan.

Consumer and Provider Education (45 CFR 98.33), Section 2.3.7

- In February 2019 Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) was provided a copy of the CAP letter that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) submitted to the Office of Child Care.
- During May and June MDE and LARA continued to work with the technical assistance team to finalize a summary format for Michigan's monitoring and inspection reports and CAPs. In July 2019, templates were reviewed and finalized. LARA is working with the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) to begin publicly posting the updated formats beginning September 1, 2019.
- LARA staff will be trained prior to September 1 on the implementation of the new template.

Consumer and Provider Education (45 CFR 98.33), Section 2.3.8

- In February 2019 LARA was provided a copy of the CAP letter that MDE submitted to the Office of Child Care.
- During May and June MDE and LARA continued to work with the technical assistance team to finalize a format for the aggregate data report to be posted to the consumer education website.
- On August 8 MDE posted the aggregate data report on our consumer education website.

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Equal Access (45 CFR 98.45), Section 4.5.1

- On March 2, 2019 Michigan implemented a bi-weekly block tiered reimbursement structure for the pay period beginning February 17, 2019 and ending March 2, 2019. Policy manuals have been updated, providers notified, and the Child Development and Care (CDC) Handbook updated. In addition, information was posted to the CDC website to provide information and examples for how the new payment structure works.
- In April 2019 Michigan also submitted an amendment to the FY19-FY21 CCDF State Plan to update the status of our implementation and to complete this section of the CAP.

Health and Safety Requirements – Standards (45 CFR 98.41), Section 5.2.2

- In February 2019 Michigan participated in a call with Region V to gather information and clarify questions on requirements.
- In February 2019 Michigan made modifications to our FY19-FY21 CCDF State Plan to address identified inconsistencies throughout the section related to this requirement.
- LARA is still working through the process for changing Michigan's child care licensing rules. The legislatively required Ad Hoc committee has finished their recommendation work and the rules have been routed through LARA and are now with the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules for review. Once approved by the Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, the drafts will be sent to the Legislative Service Bureau for informal review and edits, and then the rule making process will begin with public hearings.
- On July 18, 2019 LARA held a public hearing on the Family Child Care rules and those rules have been forwarded to the Legislative Services Bureau for final review prior to being submitted to the Joint Committee for Administrative Rules (JCAR) who has 15 days of legislative sessions to review prior to approval.
- On August 7, 2019 LARA held a public hearing on the Center Child Care rules. Hearing comments are currently being reviewed. Upon the completion of hearing process the rules will be forwarded to the Legislative Services Bureau for final review prior to being submitted to the Joint Committee for Administrative Rules (JCAR) who will have 15 days of legislative sessions to review prior to approval.
- Once the rules are finalized Michigan will amend the CCDF State Plan.

Health and Safety Requirements – Training (45 CFR 98.44), Section 5.2.5

- In February 2019 Michigan participated in a call with Region V to gather information and clarify questions on requirements.
- In February 2019 LARA was provided a copy of the CAP letter that MDE submitted to the Office of Child Care.
- In February 2019 Michigan made modifications to our FY19-FY21 CCDF State Plan to reflect ongoing training requirements being added to the child care licensing rules and program policy manual for license exempt providers.

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- As noted above LARA is still working through the legislatively required process for changing Michigan's child care licensing rules.
- In addition, Michigan is developing policy to implement by September 30, 2019 that will require license exempt providers who are unrelated to the child to have ongoing health and safety training requirements.

As you can see, Michigan continues to make progress toward full implementation of the required Child Care Development Block Grant rules and regulations.

If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 517-241-6950 or brewer-walraven@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Brewer Walraven". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Brewer Walraven
Director, Child Development and Care

CC: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsnecht, Deputy Superintendent
Gena Miller, Regional Program Manager, Office of Child Care Region V