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Dear Commissioner Carrion

The Office of Child Care has completed its review of the proposed amendments to New York's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan for 2012 - 2013, submitted on December 26, 2012. This letter is to inform you that the following CCDF Plan amendments have been approved.

Section 2.2.6 – Family Outreach and Application Process: Amended to indicate that in response to Superstorm Sandy social services districts were given the option of expanding the amount of time CCDF services are provided during periods of job search. The maximum period that a family with income up to 200% of the State Income Standard may receive child care services when such services are needed to enable a child's parent/caretaker to seek employment is now beyond six months. Districts have the discretion to determine the time frame.

Section 2.3.4 – Eligibility Criteria for Child Care: Amended to indicate that in response to Superstorm Sandy social services districts were given the option of broadening the definition of child protective services. This definition would include displaced families and/or families suffering from the effects of the disaster, to permit emergency eligibility to include children living in Federal or State declared disaster emergency areas.

Section 2.3.6 – Eligibility Criteria for Child Care: Amended to indicate that in response to Superstorm Sandy social services districts can request an extended re-determination period, an additional 30 days, to provide child care services to families that are not receiving public assistance and would otherwise need to have their eligibility for child care assistance re-determined within the period of the disaster recovery.

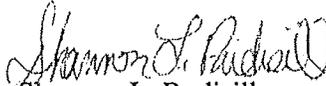
The effective date for this amendment to the New York CCDF Plan is noted on the amendments log within the ACF-118 electronic submission site.

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

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