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Mr. Al Gobeille
Secretary
State of Vermont
Agency of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Gobeille:

This letter provides approval of the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) Cost Allocation Plan (Plan) amendment, which was transmitted by letter dated December 31, 2017 and later revised via email dated September 12, 2018. The amendment includes changes within the Agency of Human Services to the Central Office, Department of Children & Families, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Department of Vermont Health Access, Vermont Department of Health, and the Department of Mental Health. This amendment, which was submitted in accordance with 45 CFR 95, Subpart E, is effective October 1, 2017.

Acceptance of the actual costs in accordance with the approved Plan is subject to the following conditions:

1. The information contained in the Plan and provided by the State in connection with our review of the Plan is complete and accurate in all material respects.
2. The actual costs claimed by the State are allowable under prevailing cost principles, program regulations and law.
3. The claims conform with the administrative and statutory limitations against which they are made.
4. The Administration of Children & Families (ACF) has stated that the terms of the MOU detailed in the July 2, 2018 email from Steve Dickens, Director of the Invest EAP – Centers for Wellbeing to Paul Wolf, Office of Child Support Program Coordinator for the Vermont Office of Child Support Services, clarifies their concerns with the Child Support Enforcement Program and the allowability of Work4Kids costs being charged to IV-D. No further information or clarification is needed.

5. ACF requires that we remind the State that the approval of this amendment is an approval of a methodology only, and that all expenditures claimed under the Plan are subject to audit by the HHS Office of Inspector General.

This approval relates only to the methods of identifying and allocating costs to programs, and nothing contained herein should be construed as approving activities not otherwise authorized by approved program plans or Federal legislation and regulations.

Implementation of the approved cost allocation plan may subsequently be reviewed by authorized Federal staff. The disclosure of inequities during reviews may require changes to the Plan.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter, please contact Amritha Sugrim-Singh of my staff at 212-264-4300. Please submit your next proposed Plan amendment electronically via email to CAS-NY@psc.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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