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ADMINISTRATION for CHILDREN and FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
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Washington, D.C. 20024

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Cynthia Dungey, Director
Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services
30 E. Broad Street, 32nd Floor
Columbus Ohio 43215

Dear Director Dungey:

This letter is to inform you of the revised findings of the primary eligibility review conducted for Ohio's title IV-E foster care program during the week of September 16, 2013. On January 29, 2014 the Children's Bureau (CB) issued a final report of findings and informed you that the State's title IV-E foster care maintenance program was found not in substantial compliance with Federal eligibility requirements for the period under review (PUR), October 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. Eight error cases and one non-error case with improper payments were determined to be ineligible for Federal finding. Further, the letter officially notified you of the disallowance of \$65,824 in foster care maintenance payments and \$9,108 in related administrative costs in Federal financial participation (FFP) for title IV-E foster care payments claimed for the cases in error. An additional disallowance of \$3,471 in maintenance payments and \$311 in related administrative costs was assessed in FFP for title IV-E payments claimed improperly for the one case determined to be a non-error. The total amount of disallowance cited in the letter was \$78,714 in FFP.

Subsequent to the onsite review and issuance of the final report, adjustments to the foster care maintenance disallowances cited in the final report for case #'s 46 and 69 were identified. After further review, case #46 resulted in a net increase of \$307 in the title IV-E foster care maintenance disallowance. This adjustment was due to an additional five foster care maintenance payments identified and verified with State staff. These payments were known at the time of the review but had been omitted from calculations at the time of the report. The payment categories included miscellaneous foster care payments (2), alternative care (2) and clothing (1).

Case #69 resulted in a net decrease in the disallowance. Total foster care maintenance (in and outside of the PUR) should have been \$10,036 and was recorded in the report at \$10,316. This adjustment is due to transposition of numbers when transferring information from one document to another at the time of the report. In total, the net difference is an increase of \$27 in title IV-E foster care maintenance disallowance. There is no change in the amount calculated for related administrative costs.

This letter and the accompanying report replace those sent to you on January 29, 2014, and constitute our formal disallowance of \$65,851 in maintenance payments and \$9,108 in related costs in FFP for the title IV-E foster care claimed for the error cases. An additional related disallowance of \$3,471 in maintenance payments and \$311 in related administrative costs is

assessed in FFP for title IV-E foster care payments claimed improperly for the one non-error case. The total disallowance as a result of this review is \$78,741 in FFP.

Since the amount of disallowed funds was previously included in Federal payments made to Ohio, you must repay these funds by including a prior period decreasing adjustment on the Quarterly Report of Expenditures (Form CB-496), Parts 1 & 2. The Form CB-496 must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this letter in order to avoid the assessment of interest. As indicated in the original letter dated January 29, 2014, Ohio must discontinue claiming title IV-E for all error and non-error cases that remain ineligible until such time as the requisite eligibility criteria are met.

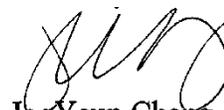
This is the CB's final decision. However, under Federal regulations at 45 CFR Part 16, Ohio has an opportunity to appeal this decision directly to the Departmental Appeals Board (the Board). Your written request to appeal must be sent within 30 calendar days of the date this decision was received. The use of registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, is recommended to establish the mailing date of all correspondence. The letter to appeal this decision should be sent to:

Department of Health and Human Services
Departmental Appeals Board, MS 6127
Appellate Division
330 Independence Ave., SW
Cohen Building, Room G-644
Washington, D.C. 20201

You must attach a copy of this decision to your appeal notice and the notice must state the amount in dispute and the reason you think this decision is wrong. A copy of your appeal also should be sent to Angela Green, the CB Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in Region V. The Board will notify you of further procedures.

CB again thanks you and your staff for the excellent efforts that were made to prepare for and participate with us in this review. My staff looks forward to working with your agency to continue to improve the State's implementation of the Federal requirements and to improve services to children and families. Please contact Barbara Putyra at (312) 353-1786 or by email at barbara.putyra@acf.hhs.gov if you have any questions about this review. Questions concerning the disallowance should be directed to Margaret Harrell, Financial Management Specialist, at (312) 353-4720 or via email at Margaret.harrel@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



JooYeun Chang
Associate Commissioner
Children's Bureau

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