



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
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Washington, D.C. 20201

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Maggie Anderson
Executive Director
North Dakota Department of Human Services
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Dear Director Anderson:

This letter informs you of a revised finding from the primary title IV-E eligibility review conducted by the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, for the North Dakota title-IV-E foster care program during the week of August 11, 2014. Three (3) cases were determined as in error for not meeting eligibility requirements for the period under review as indicated in the January 6, 2016 letter and final report of review findings, copy attached. We subsequently have reversed the finding for Sample Case 9 and adjusted the number of cases in error from three (3) to two (2) cases.

After further consideration of the removal order of April 20, 2012 for Sample Case 9 along with additional case material the state submitted after the onsite review, the Children's Bureau has found the valid removal requirement under title IV-E is satisfactorily met as established by the court's authorization of a delayed removal of the child from home. The child, therefore, is eligible for the reported disallowance period of May 5, 2012 through July 31, 2014, in the amount of \$38,945 in maintenance payments and \$17,527 in administrative costs.

As noted above, two sample cases (#27 and #49) remain in error. The total revised disallowance for the IV-E review is \$2,503 FFP in maintenance payments, and \$4,290 FFP in administrative costs which represents improper payments for the two sample cases previously identified in your IV-E review's final report and letter as in error. The State repaid the disallowed amounts for sample cases #27 and #49 with prior quarter adjustments on the CB-496 report. The State chose to retain the disallowed funds related to case #9 pending a decision by the DAB, so no further action is required.

Congratulations again on your state meeting substantial compliance in title IV-E program's primary review of August 2014. We look forward to our continued collaboration to improve state implementation of federal requirements and to increase state capacity to deliver quality services to children and families.

Should you have further questions about this review, you may contact Marilyn Kennerson, Child Welfare Regional Program Manager at (303) 844-1163 or email

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Sincerely,

/s/

Rafael López

Commissioner

Administration on Children, Youth and Families

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