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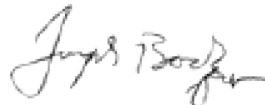
Dear Director Dungey:

We have received Ohio's December 21, 2017 update to its title IV-E State Plan amending its title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance program by exercising the option at section 475(8)(B) of the Social Security Act to extend title IV-E foster care and adoption assistance to eligible children up to age 21.

We are pleased to notify you that we have reviewed and approved the amendment revising the Ohio title IV-E plan with an effective date of January 10, 2018, which is the effective date of the state's last policy implementing the program. In light of this approval, we will also need to review and appropriately amend the Ohio Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project Terms and Conditions to clarify how allowable title IV-E foster care claims for youth over age 18 are to be handled. Staff from the Children's Bureau will be in touch with members of your staff to schedule a call and review this issue.

We wish to thank you, your program, policy and legal staff along with court and county stakeholders for the hard work in developing the program and finalizing Ohio's title IV-E Plan for approval. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barbara Putyra, Children and Families Program Specialist in Region 5, Chicago, IL at (312) 353-1786 or by e-mail barbara.putyra@acf.hhs.gov. You may also contact Kendall Darling, Child Welfare Regional Program Manager in Region 5, Chicago, IL at (312) 353-9672 or by e-mail kendall.darling@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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