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Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft FFY 2025-27 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan Preprint. Beginning on Page 2 of this letter, Attachment 1 contains questions Minnesota has on specific parts of the draft Preprint.


Minnesota has identified specific questions where the plan is missing content or options, instructions are unclear, or where there should be more flexibility in how states are asked to respond.

Attachment 1: Minnesota's comments for the FFY2025-27 CCDF Plan Preprint

Section	Missing content	Instructions we don't understand	Areas where we would like more flexibility
4.17		There are several sections of the plan (<i>section 4.1.7 is an example</i>) that ask for the same information multiple times for different types of care. It would be helpful to restructure the question in a way that avoids having to provide repetitive information.	
5.2.4		This is a new question that asked about provider qualification requirements. We don't understand what is meant by provider qualification requirements. Is this referring to training requirements, health and safety, etc.? It seems like this is already covered under 5.3.	
5.5.3		May want to consider adding a space for agencies to add text responses since some agencies may have both Announced and Unannounced visits depending on the circumstances.	
5.5.3e		Current plan section 5.5.3(e) has been removed, which means states would no longer have the ability to describe procedures for conducting the background checks when the state of residence is different than the state in which the staff member works. Why has that section	

		been removed in the proposed 25-27 plan pages? Is there (or will there be) a different section where states can describe that process?	
5.6.9		Section 5.6.9 refers to "5.5.10" in the new PrePrint pages, but there is no section 5.5.10. Does OCC perhaps mean 5.6.10? Need clarification on this cross-citation.	

Sincerely,



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