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Brice Montgomery
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Dear Brice Montgomery,

Thank you for submitting an amendment to your state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) plan. The amendment, dated September 16, 2024, proposes three policy changes that came into effect. The first two changes include changes to countable resource limits and earned income disregard; these are due to a 2023 Washington State Legislature bill (HB 1447) aimed at strengthening the ability of assistance programs to meet foundational needs of children, adults, and families. The third proposed change is made to time limit extension criteria; this is due to a 2023-2024 Washington bill (SHB 2007) aimed at expanding time limit exemptions for cash assistance programs. We have reviewed your amendment and have incorporated it into your complete TANF plan. Your current TANF plan originally took effect July 1, 2024, and this amendment takes effect August 1, 2024.

Under section 402 of the Social Security Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has authority to determine completeness of a state's TANF plan. The Secretary lacks the authority to approve or disapprove a plan. Therefore, the determination of completeness should not be construed as an approval of any particular activity, or as a determination that any particular expenditure is an allowable use of TANF or maintenance-of-effort (MOE).

If you have questions, please contact Janetta Deppa, OFA Program Specialist, at 301-204-9383 or Janetta.deppa@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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