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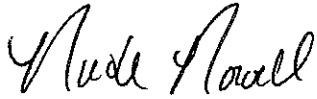
Dear Director Christian,

The below represents a quarterly update on Indiana's progress on implementing 45 CFR 98.45 (4.4.1) related to equal access.

Activity	Outcome	Challenges
Analysis of fiscal implications to overall budget as a result of raising rates	This activity has been completed and a fiscal analysis shows an approximate impact of \$1.2 million annually based upon the current population of children served.	As Indiana continues to have a waitlist for care increases rates does not allow us to serve as many children.
Working with the IT vendor to update the Automated Intake System (AIS) to include new rates	This activity has been added to the release schedule and will be completed prior to the September 30 2019.	No challenges noted at this time.
Create a communication strategy to ensure communities, programs and families understand the rate changes.	Communication plan has been completed and attached. Communications will begin in July via U.S. mail, CCR&R systems, social media platforms, email as well as posting on our OECOSL website.	No challenges noted at this time.
Implementation of new rates	Indiana remains on track to implement no later than September 30, 2019.	No challenges noted at this time.

Should you require any further information please let me know as we look forward to your support in implementing this requirement.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Norvell".

Nicole Norvell

Director

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