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Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
Executive Office of the Governor
400 South Monroe Street
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Dear Governor DeSantis,

This letter serves to notify you that the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) portion of Florida's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan has been determined to be complete. We particularly thank Florida for the state's leadership in advancing common-sense restrictions on the use of TANF cash assistance for inappropriate, luxury, and non-essential purchases. Florida is leading the way in safeguarding taxpayer resources and helping ensure that TANF Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) funds are used appropriately.

Other states should follow Florida's lead by adopting similar restrictions on the use of TANF cash assistance. ACF looks forward to partnering with governors and state agencies across the country to develop and implement common-sense EBT purchase prohibitions that strengthen program integrity; protect taxpayer dollars from waste, fraud, and abuse; and help ensure that TANF assistance is used for lawful, appropriate, and effective purposes.

We have reviewed the TANF-specific portion of Florida's modification to the 2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) combined state plan and have determined it to be complete. The combined state plan subsumes the individual TANF state plan; thus, the state should not submit a separate TANF plan. The Secretary of Health and Human Services makes a finding of plan completeness but does not approve or disapprove a plan. Therefore, you should not construe this determination of completeness as an approval of any particular activity or as a determination that any particular expenditure is an allowable use of TANF/maintenance-of-effort (MOE) funds.

As of July 1, 2026, Florida continues to qualify as an eligible state under the TANF program, in accordance with section 402 of the Social Security Act. Accordingly, Florida is entitled to an annual State Family Assistance Grant (SFAG) of \$560,484,398.

We value Florida's commitment to support the public workforce system and improving services for TANF recipients. ACF's Office of Family Assistance (OFA) stands ready to support

Florida's TANF program in achieving TANF's statutory purposes, including promoting work and job preparation, reducing dependence on government benefits, and supporting the formation and maintenance of strong, stable marriages and families.

If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact our Office of Family Assistance.

Sincerely,



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