



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

May 9, 2013

Clark Greene  
Chief of Staff  
Rhode Island Department of Education  
255 Westminster St.  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am writing in response to Rhode Island's request to amend its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant projects. On March 1, 2013 and May 7, 2013, the State submitted documentation to and held conversations with the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to support amendment requests to its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge plan and budget. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments to your plan and budget, provided that such a change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal.

On July 18, 2012, the Department sent a letter and "RTT-ELC Amendment Process" document to Project Directors of grantee States indicating the process by which amendments would be reviewed and approved or denied. To determine whether approval could be granted, the Department has applied the conditions noted in the document and compared it with the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge program requirements and conditions.

I approve the following amendment, as described below:

- Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) will purchase the Child and Health Development Interactive Systems (CHADIS) which is an electronic system for approximately 73 practices of primary care providers serving children with high needs, over the grant period. This would also allow HEALTH to capture data electronically to monitor screening rates statewide.

It is our understanding that this amendment is aligned with the existing Scope of Work under task 5.19.1 of supporting primary care providers to implement standardized developmental screening and the amendment will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, nor will it substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website as a record of the amendment.

If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact your Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge program officer, Tammi Fergusson, at 202-453-7508 or [Tammi.Fergusson@ed.gov](mailto:Tammi.Fergusson@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Proctor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tammy Proctor  
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Cc:

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