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Subject: Maryland FY 2027 APSR Page Limit Justification

The Maryland Department of Human Services respects and appreciates the Program Instructions that significantly streamline reporting requirements for the FY 2027 Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR). Consistent with these instructions, Maryland included a *Statement of Incorporation by References* to succinctly summarize major changes, progress, and accomplishments related to the 2025 - 2029 Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP).

Maryland successfully streamlined the APSR to focus on the most significant updates since the previous submission. However, the APSR exceeds the five-page limit due to the inclusion of revisions to Goal 6 (Strategies 6A–6C), detailed on pages 5–7 of the APSR, *Section 3: Revisions and Adjustments to the CFSP*. These revisions resulted from a comprehensive assessment of the state's Quality Assurance (QA) and Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) frameworks and were informed by stakeholder and leadership feedback to strengthen, streamline, and address gaps within the CQI/QA system.

Maryland respectfully submits this justification and believes the additional content is necessary to fully document these important revisions and their anticipated impact on the state's child welfare system.