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Mr. Thomas Long  
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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
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Dear Mr. Long,

Oregon is pleased to accept the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval, with revisions listed below, to the special terms and conditions (STC), of its Oregon Health Plan Substance Use Disorder (SUD) 1115 Waiver Demonstration application (project number 11-W-00362/10, dated April 8, 2021).

The CMS approval, Special Terms and Conditions, and waiver and expenditure authority documents for the period of April 8, 2021 through March 31, 2026, allow Oregon to enhance and build the full continuum of care for those with substance use disorder by expanding services to improve health outcomes and sustain long-term recovery. This demonstration includes Community Integration Services encompassing housing and employment support services, as well as access to services provided in SUD Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) with more than 16 beds.

As OHA staff read the approval letter and the STC, we noticed a few date discrepancies:

1. The approval letter states the waiver is effective as of April 8, 2021. The STC say the effective date is March 31, 2021. We request the STC reflect the April 8, 2021, start date.
2. The Schedule of Deliverables states the Draft Summative Report (DSR) is due within 18 months after March 31, 2025, (Table 6 in STC doc., p. 35) but the demonstration doesn't end until March 31, 2026. (Table 3 in STC doc., p. 31). We request the DSR be due within 18 months after March 31, 2026.

OHA thanks you and your entire CMS team for your time and collaboration in working with Oregon on this demonstration over the past several years. The CMS team's perseverance, thoughtful feedback, and assistance was exceptional. We greatly appreciate your help!

Sincerely,



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