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Dear Ms. Kristian:

SUBJECT: Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0 Acceptance Letter

On June 30, 2023, the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the state's request to extend and amend the section 1115(a) demonstration titled, *Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0* (MTP 2.0) (Project Number 11-W-00304/0 and 21-W-00071/0), (the demonstration). Approval of this request will extend many longstanding demonstration authorities and allow the state to test the effectiveness of innovative practices aimed at promoting consistently high-quality, evidence-based, coordinated, and integrated care.

This letter serves as Washington's official acknowledgement and acceptance of special terms and conditions and expenditure authorities as set forth in the CMS approval letter. We reviewed the list of pending programs and appreciate the opportunity to continue discussions on key components, including federal financial participation through designated state health programs; funding for local, community-based health equity initiatives; and innovations for long-term services and supports. While CMS is not approving continuous eligibility for postpartum individuals who are non-qualified aliens, it is important to note that continuity of coverage for this population is a priority for the state and will continue through state-only funding. Enclosed is a summary of proposed technical corrections for CMS' review and consideration.

We are grateful for the commitment and collaboration leading to the approval of MTP 2.0, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with CMS in the coming months. We are eager to move forward with the submission of priority deliverables associated with implementation, and appreciate CMS' assistance with processes and review to authorize expenditures for infrastructure and planning across health-related social need services and re-entry.

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Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me or anyone on our team. I can be reached by email at mich'l.needham@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mich'l Needham".

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Enclosure

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