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Dear Ms. Wachino:

Please consider this our written acknowledgement and acceptance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) February 9, 2016 approval of Alabama's Section 1115(a) waiver demonstration for Medicaid Transformation (project number 11-W00299/4) effective April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021. Alabama intends to reform the delivery system and improve care to and the health of Medicaid's beneficiaries by moving from a fee-for-service delivery system to enrollment in managed care under Regional Care Organizations (RCOs).

Alabama would also like to request the following Technical Corrections to the Waiver:

1. STC #72: In the last sentence strike the word "baseline": "The state must report data by the end of DY 1 for all of the quality metrics that will be evaluated DY2 – DY5 listed in Table 4."
2. STC #83: Language should be modified to include providers who are in the process of executing contracts with RCOs so that they are not excluded from the process.  
Requested language: "The following types of providers that have pending or existing contracts with at least one RCO are eligible to submit a work plan to the RCO to apply for Transition Pool funding and only providers with an executed contract with the RCO will be eligible to receive payments from the Transition Pool funding."
3. STC 89 b – The STC reference should be STC #84, rather than STC #82.
4. Table on page 42: In the next to last row, the middle column says "Draft final report due to CMS 120 days following the end of the demonstration". In order to reconcile with other STCs, the statement should be modified to say: "Draft final report due to CMS 360 days following the end of the demonstration".

Alabama looks forward to continuing to work with your team and appreciates the guidance that has been given so far. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dr. Robert Moon at (334) 242-5619 or Robert.Moon@medicaid.alabama.gov

Sincerely,



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