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Ms. Kristin Thorn
Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Human Services
1 Ashburn Place, 11th Floor Room 1109
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Ms. Thorn:

This letter is to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Cost Limit Protocol (Protocol) has been approved (copy enclosed). The implementation of this Protocol is subject to our receipt of your written acceptance of the Protocol within 30 days of the date of this letter. If the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) do not receive your written acceptance of this Protocol within 30 days of the date of this letter, then the default cost limit methodology will be applied. Per Special Term and Condition (STC) 50(f)(b), if there is no approved cost limit protocol, then the default cost limit methodologies described in STC 50(f)(b) will apply beginning July 1, 2014.

Our team continues to be available to provide technical assistance and answer any questions as you work on the implementation of this Protocol.

Your project officer is Mrs. Erica Colbert. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Mrs. Colbert's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mrs. Colbert and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's contact information is as follows:

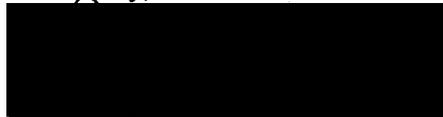
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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Eliot Fishman, Director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group in the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing work with your staff on future developments within your demonstration.

Sincerely,



Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosures