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John Polanowicz
Secretary
Executive Office of Health and Human Services
One Ashburton Place
11th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Polanowicz:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing technical corrections to Massachusetts' section 1115 demonstration project, entitled MassHealth (Project Number 11-W-00030/1) under authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act), to ensure that the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) reflect how the state is currently operating its demonstration.

Specifically, we are revising the STCs approved on October 1, 2013, to reflect the following:

- Revised language in STC 21a to clarify provisional eligibility coverage begins on the date the provisional eligibility notice is sent;
- Added language to STC 63e to streamline the reporting process for prior demonstration years; and
- Corrected Commonwealth Care eligibility language in STC 49.a and Expenditure Authority IV.

We are unable to approve the request to begin benefits during the provisional eligibility period 10 days prior to the date of application for children and pregnant women through the technical corrections process. This request is not technical in nature and may require additional authority. We will continue to work with you on this request.

These approvals are conditioned upon written acceptance from the state that it agrees with the amendments, expenditure authorities, and STCs. This written acceptance is needed for our records within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Your project officer is Ms. Elizabeth Matthews, who may be reached at (410) 786-5433 and through e-mail at elizabeth.matthews@cms.hhs.gov. Ms. Matthews is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Communications regarding program matters and official correspondence concerning the demonstration should be submitted to Ms. Matthews at the following address:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
Mail Stop: S2-01-16
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Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

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

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Room 2325
Boston, MA 02203
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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.

Congratulations on the approval of this amendment to your section 1115 demonstration.

Sincerely,



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Director, Division of State Waivers and Demonstrations

Enclosures

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