NJ 1115 Comprehensive Waiver Amendments/Technical Corrections
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Dear Ms. Terwilliger:

This letter is official written notice that the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) is requesting to amend and technically correct the special terms and conditions (STCs) of the 1115 New Jersey Comprehensive Waiver demonstration (waiver).

The first amendment pertains to the Graduate Medical Education (GME). DMAHS is proposing to remove the dollar amount listed for GME. We are requesting to amend STC 92 paragraph (h) to remove "$90 million in".

The second amendment we are requesting is to add the new Medicaid Expansion VIII group - 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VIII) to the waiver. Our existing MEGs for the Title XIX CHIP parents, NJ Childless Adults and AWDC would move to the new VIII group MEG. We understand that there may be additional changes and clean up required to the STCs that are impacted by the federal health care law.

We are requesting a technical correction to add an eligibility group for the blind. The correction is to add the blind to STC #19, page 20 under New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program ABD. We would like to add the following language under program description and statutory/regulatory citations; "eligibility group includes blind individuals – (1902)(r)(2)". Since all of our populations will be included in the waiver for their managed care authority, we are also requesting to add language to the waiver to restrict the number of provider agreements with managed care entities. The language we are recommending is, “The Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services may restrict the number of provider agreements with managed care entities, in accordance with 42 USC 1396u-2(a)(1)(A)(iii), if such restriction does not substantially impair access to services”. We originally submitted a State Plan Amendment but have been asked to withdraw and use waiver authority.
Enclosed please find updated budget neutrality to reflect amendments 1 and 2. Please note that these are the only changes made to Budget Neutrality and all of the other assumptions in the original neutrality are still reflected in this document. The technical correction does not impact budget neutrality as this group was already included in an existing MEG.

Please contact me at 609-588-2600 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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