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Dear Mr. Bick:

Thank you for your recent notice of New York State Department of Health's (DOH) proposal to add Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) to the Medicaid Managed Care benefit package as required under section V of the state's "Medicaid Redesign Team" section 1115(a) demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00114/2). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your notification on November 29, 2018 and has completed its preliminary review. In accordance with section V, Special Term and Condition (STC) 6(c), CMS is withholding approval for implementation of the benefit transition, pending additional information, for the following reasons:

- On September 27, 2018, CMS received a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to remove the proposed services from the Medicaid state plan ("state plan") and CMS needs additional information regarding the proposed reinstatement and timeline, before approving the SPA;
- New York DOH must also submit any draft or final readiness review summaries to CMS (to confirm that the managed care plans are ready to provide the additional services); and
- CMS will also need an estimated timeline for the contract and rate amendment submissions.

Please provide the additional information outlined above and we look forward to working with you and your staff on the CFTSS proposal. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. Audrey Cassidy at (410) 786-0059 or at Audrey.Cassidy@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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