



## GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO

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Departamento de Salud

December 18, 2017

Ms. Seema Verma  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
Department of Health & Human Services  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Ms. Verma:

We write in response to your letter dated November 28, 2017 regarding the approval of Puerto Rico's Disaster Relief section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Demonstration" (Project Number 11-W-00310/2). This approval will allow for the off-island provision of physical and behavioral health services to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries that, because of the consequences of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico, were evacuated to the states of Florida and New York under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Temporary Shelter Assistance Program (TSA).

The Puerto Rico Department of Health acknowledges the approval of this award and accepts the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) included in the communication. In the waiver approval letter the effective date of the waiver is from November 13, 2017 through January 27, 2018, or until the disaster declaration expires. In our acceptance of the waiver, Puerto Rico is interested in accepting the initial effective date through January 27, 2018 and would like to reserve the option to not continue the waiver past that date if the Public Health declaration is extended.

As the end date of January 27, 2018 approaches, we will inform CMS of our intent to exercise this option to extend the waiver or end the waiver following the conclusion of the initial effective time period. We look forward to implementing this demonstration project in coordination with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in this process.

Best regards,



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