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Kay Ghahremani State Medicaid Director Texas Health and Human Services Commission P.O. Box 13247 Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Ghahremani:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your request to amend Attachment J of the special terms and conditions for the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (Project Number 11-W-00278/6). This amendment to Attachment J, also known as the Delivery System Incentive Reform Payment (DSRIP) Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol, will allow the state and CMS to determine that a subset of DSRIP projects and metrics may be reviewed by the state during the 30 days following the reporting due date, with the remaining reports to be reviewed prior to the next reporting due date.

CMS approval conditioned upon continued compliance with the enclosed special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of Federal involvement in this project. A complete copy of the current STCs, including the revised version of Attachment J, is enclosed with this letter.

Your project officer is Mrs. Brenda Blunt. Please contact her if you have any questions. She can be reached at (410) 786-8802, or by e-mail at brenda.blunt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, Region VI