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RE: 11-W-00194/1

Dear Ms. Wachino:

Please consider this our written acceptance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) January 30, 2015 approval of Vermont's Section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration, entitled "Global Commitment to Health" (Project Number 11-W-00194/1). The approval grants Vermont the authority to continue its successful public managed care model and reflects consolidation of the previous Choices for Care demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00191/6) under one Federal authority. This change enables Vermont's entire Medicaid population to operate under managed care regulations at 42 CFR 438 (except CHIP) and more closely aligns our operations for all Medicaid programs.

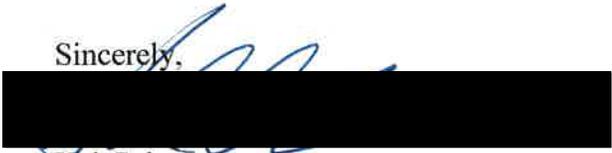
We want to acknowledge and thank your staff, in Baltimore and Boston, for their efforts in seeing this consolidation to completion. We are in agreement with the revised Special Terms and Conditions as forwarded and understand that the Global Commitment continues as project number 11-W-00194/1 beginning January 30, 2015, through December 31, 2016.

We would also like to take this opportunity to clarify that while edits were made to the descriptions of our special programs (i.e., former 1915(c) and 1115(b) populations), Vermont is not covering any new service or population as a result of this demonstration amendment.

Vermont's array of programs support, and in some cases lead, nationally recognized best practices in self-sufficiency, community living and recovery. CMS' support and partnership is critical to assuring Vermont's continued ability to demonstrate that our innovative managed care model provides optimal service to Medicaid beneficiaries at a reduced cost as compared to

typical fee-for-service options. We look forward to initiating our waiver renewal discussions for January 1, 2017 with CMS staff later this year.

Sincerely,



Hal Cohen
Secretary

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