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Manning Pellanda, Director, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Department of Health and Human Services 7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop S2-01-16 Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: 11-W-00194/1

Dear Mr. Pellanda:

Please consider this our written acceptance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) February 27, 2015 approval of Attachment H, Choices for Care Companion Aide Pilot Project and Payment Methodology for Vermont's Section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration, "Global Commitment to Health" (Project Number 11-W-00194/1). The approval grants Vermont the authority to operate an important pilot initiative focusing on person-centered dementia care in selected nursing facilities.

We want to acknowledge and thank your staff, in Baltimore and Boston, for their efforts in finalizing this attachment. We are in agreement with the terms and conditions as detailed in the Attachment H document.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Costantino Commissioner

cc: Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Boston Regional Office Brenda Blunt, Project Officer, CMS Central Office Hal Cohen, Secretary, Agency of Human Services Susan Wehry, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living Monica Light, Director of Health Care Operations, Compliance & Improvement, AHS