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January 18, 2017

Andrew M. Slavitt  
Acting Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Slavitt:

**SUBJECT: MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION PROJECT ACCEPTANCE LETTER**

On January 9, 2017, the Washington State Health Care Authority received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the state's request for a new five-year Medicaid demonstration project (No. 11-W-00304/0) entitled "Medicaid Transformation Project". Approval was granted in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for the period January 9, 2017 through December 31, 2021, providing the state critical support for innovative delivery system reforms, long-term services and supports and foundational community supports for many of Washington's most vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries.

This letter serves as Washington's official acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions and expenditure authorities as set forth in the CMS approval letter.

The Medicaid Transformation Project will, over the next five years, implement delivery system transformation strategies through regional, collaborative efforts led by Accountable Communities of Health; implement a broader array of service options to enable older adults and individuals with disabilities to remain at home, delaying or avoiding the need for more intensive services; and provide key foundational community support services for Medicaid beneficiaries with the most critical needs.

These initiatives will be undertaken in concert with our strategy for value-based payment, supporting the adoption of alternative payment models and improved quality of care. We have reviewed the Special Terms and Conditions, and propose technical corrections for your consideration as shown in the enclosed document.

We appreciate the hard work of the CMS team in reaching this agreement and look forward to continued collaboration with CMS in realizing our shared vision. Should you have any questions

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or additional concerns, please feel free to contact MaryAnne Lindeblad at 360-725-1863 or via email at [maryanne.lindeblad@hca.wa.gov](mailto:maryanne.lindeblad@hca.wa.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Teeter  
Director



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