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Commissioner Office Standards and Expectations
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Dear Mr. Milburn,

The State of Alaska Department of Health (DOH) has received the Center for Medicaid and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval letter to extend the demonstration entitled, "Behavioral Health Reform" (Project Number 11-W-003180/0), in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. We have also received the Expenditure Authority, Waiver Authority, and Special Terms and Conditions allowing DOH to operate this continued demonstration. Please allow this letter to serve as Alaska's formal written acceptance of the renewal for the period of March 26, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

The Alaska DOH would like to thank the CMS for its work with Alaska throughout this renewal process, especially the dedicated staff who routinely met with us and supported our demonstration renewal efforts. Your consideration of a shorter temporary extension through March 31, 2024 eased concerns and your prompt efforts to complete the final renewal by the end of March 2024 is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to working with CMS and its staff through the 1115 Behavioral Health Reform Waiver and potential amendment and/or additional waiver opportunities to promote the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Alaskans.

Sincerely,


Emily Ricci
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