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Dear Director Mann:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Evaluation Design for the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me (ARHOME) demonstration (approved on December 21, 2021), which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), specifically, STC #79 "Draft Evaluation Design", of the "Arkansas Healthy Opportunity for Me (ARHOME)" section 1115 demonstration (Project Number: 11-W-00379/6), effective through December 31, 2026. CMS has determined that the Evaluation Design, with the first submission dated June 17, 2022 and the finalized submission dated January 27, 2025, meets the requirements set forth in the STCs and our evaluation design guidance, and therefore approves the state's Evaluation Design for the ARHOME demonstration.

CMS has added the approved Evaluation Design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment K. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424(e), the approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within 30 days. CMS will also post the approved Evaluation Design as a standalone document, separate from the STCs, on Medicaid.gov.

Please note that an Interim Evaluation Report, consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, is due to CMS one year prior to the expiration of the demonstration, or at the time of the extension application, if the state chooses to extend the demonstration. Likewise, a Summative Evaluation Report, consistent with this approved design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.428 and the STCs, we look forward to receiving updates on evaluation activities in the demonstration monitoring reports.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Arkansas on the Arkansas Heath and Opportunity for Me demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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