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**RE: Arizona's 1115 Waiver Amendment: Reentry and Non-Medical transportation (NMT) Services.**

Dear Ms. Friedman,

This letter serves as the State of Arizona's formal written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for the "Reentry and Non-Medical transportation (NMT) Services" amendment to the demonstration titled, "Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)" (Project Number 11-W- 00275/9).

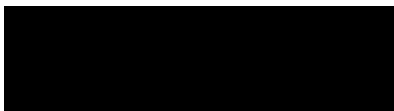
With this amendment, Arizona will have expenditure authority to help incarcerated individuals coordinate health care services upon reentry into the community. The goal is to improve health outcomes and enhance public safety by coordinating access to care and reducing reincarceration rates.

This proactive, preventive approach is a critical step to improving the health and well-being of individuals as they transition from incarceration back into society. By coordinating access to health care services during reentry, AHCCCS can support individuals and families directly impacted, as well as strengthen our broader public health and public safety systems to create healthier communities for all.

Implementation of the amendment will be subject to the approval of the state legislature. Once legislative approval is received and the implementation plan is finalized, AHCCCS will be able to provide coverage for a targeted set of health care services that can be furnished to eligible incarcerated individuals in specified facilities for 90 days prior to their expected date of release.

My team and I sincerely appreciate the hard work, professionalism, and continued support of the CMS staff and leadership who worked to finalize the waiver request. We value our partnership and look forward to continuing working with you to further advance the objectives of Arizona's Medicaid program.

Sincerely,



Carmen Heredia  
Director