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Ms. Kate Friedman
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RE: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) 1115 Waiver Amendment Approval –
Former Foster Care Youth

Dear Ms. Friedman,

This letter serves as the State of Arizona's formal acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions for the Former Foster Care Youth (YATI) Amendment to the demonstration titled, "Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)" (Project Number 11-W-00275/9 and 21-W-00074/9). This amendment extends Medicaid eligibility for certain former foster care youth (FFCY) under age 26 who aged out of foster care in another state or tribe and currently reside in Arizona.

Although current Arizona state law restricts the former foster care youth eligibility to individuals who were in custody of the Arizona Department of Child Safety, AHCCCS plans to move forward with implementing this 1115 Waiver flexibility upon legislative approval.

On behalf of the team at AHCCCS, we greatly appreciate the continued collaboration and support from the CMS team and we look forward to the continued partnership. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Max Seifer at maxwell.seifer@azahcccs.gov

Sincerely,



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