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THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA ADVANCING AND INNOVATING MEDI-CAL
SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION AMENDMENT FOR THE REENTRY
DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE

Dear Ms. Friedman,

On January 26, 2023, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the section 1115(a) demonstration, “California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)” (Project Number 11-W-00193/9) (the “demonstration”) to offer a targeted set of Medi-Cal services to qualifying youth and adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to expected release. As part of the amendment, CMS also approved capacity building grants under the Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) initiative to support collaborative planning and other investments intended to support implementation of the pre-release and reentry initiative, as well as Designated State Health Program (DSHP) financing for PATH, updated budget neutrality provisions, and other changes consistent with CMS policy.

This letter serves as California’s official acceptance of the demonstration amendment award, associated special terms and conditions (STCs), and expenditure and waiver authorities, as requested in CMS’s approval. The approval of this demonstration amendment reflects a significant milestone in the shared effort between the State and the federal government to address the unique and considerable health care needs of justice-involved individuals, improve health outcomes, deliver care more efficiently, and advance health equity.

DHCS reviewed the STCs, and a copy of the revised document with our proposed technical corrections for your consideration and approval is enclosed. We appreciate and thank CMS for its continued partnership in addressing many of the complex challenges facing California’s most vulnerable residents.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Saralyn M. Ang-Olson, Chief Compliance Officer, Office of Compliance by email at Saralyn.Ang-Olson@dhcs.ca.gov.

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