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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 TRADITIONAL HEALTH
CARE PRACTICES

Dear Ms. Smyth and Ms. Kristian,

On October 16, 2024, 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 initially cover traditional health care practices for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) members receiving care through the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS), with the option of expanding coverage to other populations and/or delivery systems if desired in the future.

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' 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 health care needs of American Indian and Alaska Native populations and individuals receiving services by or through Indian Health Service (IHS), Tribal, or urban Indian organization facilities by improving their access to culturally appropriate health care.

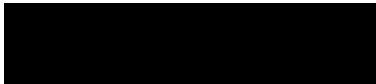
DHCS reviewed the STCs, and a copy of the revised document with our proposed technical corrections for your consideration and approval is enclosed.



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We appreciate and thank CMS for its continued partnership in addressing many of the complex challenges facing California's most vulnerable residents. 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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