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Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244

RE: Withdrawal of State of Colorado Proposed Section 1115 HTP Demonstration

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

With this letter, the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) is formally withdrawing its proposed Section 1115 Hospital Transformation Program (HTP) Demonstration Waiver application submitted to CMS on December 19, 2019.

HCPF thanks CMS staff for their continuous engagement with us throughout the timeframe following our proposed waiver submission. Thanks to CMS staff's consultation and guidance, the HTP was established through approval of State Plan Amendment (SPA) CO 20-0024 effective October 1, 2020, implementing the rural support funding and pay for reporting and activity components of the HTP.

Currently, CMS is reviewing SPA CO 24-0043 to establish the pay for performance component of HTP. The remaining outstanding element of the HTP is a shared savings arrangement. HCPF will consider options for implementing shared savings in line with CMS staff guidance and will re-engage with CMS in the future regarding necessary federal authority to implement this remaining component.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the withdrawal of the proposed HTP Demonstration, please contact Nancy Dolson at nancy.dolson@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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cc: Angela Garner, Division of System Reform Demonstrations Director, CMS State Demonstrations Group

