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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Byrd:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the District's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "District of Columbia Behavioral Health Transformation" (Project Number 11-W-00331/3), in order to allow the District and CMS to continue negotiations on the District's extension application submitted on June 6, 2024. This demonstration will now expire December 31, 2025.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the District's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and waiver and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The District's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts (as of Demonstration Year 5) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until December 31, 2025, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For this temporary extension period, the District must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the District is required to include the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The District may choose to include the temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning January 1, 2020. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of this temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond December 31, 2025, the District may include the temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Jamie John. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at [Jamie.John@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Jamie.John@cms.hhs.gov). If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at [Karen.Llanos@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Karen.Llanos@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

cc: Taneka Rivera, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group