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Judith A. Cash Acting Deputy Director Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Dear Judith:

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) appreciates the historical partnership between our agencies in moving Georgians toward increased opportunities for access to health care coverage, particularly through our section 1115 demonstration Pathways to Coverage ("Pathways").

Pursuant to the CMS letter issued February 12, 2021, we understand that CMS is continuing its examination of the status of the authorities approved for the Pathways demonstration by the prior administration and appreciate the continued discussions. Accordingly, as we rapidly approach the previously approved implementation date of July 1, 2021 to make Pathways available to Georgia's citizens, we are proposing to delay the go-live date until at least August 1, 2021.

We expect this proposal is amenable to you, and if you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Frank W. Berry