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Re: Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the Amendment to the Georgia Planning for Healthy Babies Section 1115(a) Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00249/4)

Dear Ms. Boone-Massey:

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) hereby acknowledges receipt of the amendment to its Planning for Healthy Babies section 1115(a) demonstration to address the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) that ended on May 11, 2023. Specifically, this amendment will allow temporary payment for 1905(a) personal care services rendered by legally responsible individuals (which could be inclusive of legally responsible family caregivers) for medically fragile individuals under 21 years of age, who meet medical necessity for personal support services, provided that the state makes a reasonable assessment that the caregiver is capable of rendering such services. Providers of personal care services, including legally responsible relatives, must meet all existing requirements as described under the Medicaid state plan, including Electronic Visit Verification requirements. This amendment is time-limited and is authorized from May 10, 2023 to November 11, 2023 for the duration of six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency.

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) hereby accepts the revised terms and conditions associated with this amendment. We appreciate CMS' collaboration throughout this process. Should you have additional questions or concerns, I may be reached at (404) 656-7513 or via email at lrhodes@dch.ga.gov.

Regards,

Lynnette R. Rhodes



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