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Acting Administrator Liz Richter  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Re: Acceptance of Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment Terms and Conditions

Dear Acting Administrator Richter,

Illinois is pleased to accept the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval to amend the Illinois Continuity of Care and Administrative Simplification 1115 demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00341/5), effective April 12, 2021 through December 31, 2025, in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. With this letter, Illinois formally accepts the amended Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), waiver authorities, and expenditure authorities, as described in CMS' amendment approval letter dated April 12, 2021.

As noted in the CMS approval letter, the 1115 demonstration amendment will allow the state to test the effects of providing full Medicaid state plan benefits to postpartum women with incomes up to 208 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) for 12 months, inclusive of the 60-day postpartum period under the state plan. The state will provide continuous eligibility during the entire postpartum period to ensure continuity of coverage. Through this demonstration amendment, Illinois seeks to reduce the rate of maternal morbidity and mortality and to advance health and racial equity through improved health outcomes and reduced health disparities. Illinois also is committed to continuing to work with CMS on the state's request to provide 12 months of postpartum coverage regardless of immigration status.

Thank you to you and your team for your time and support throughout this process. We appreciate your commitment to strengthening continuity of coverage, improving health outcomes, and reducing health disparities during the entire postpartum period.

Sincerely,



Theresa Eagleson  
Director