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Dear Mr. Morancy,

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) to provide continuous coverage for individuals aging out of CHIP. With this letter, Illinois formally accepts the terms outlined in the CMS approval letter and the previously approved special terms and conditions. We understand that the expenditure authority provided in this approval is effective for the time period of March 1, 2020 through the end of the COVID-19 PHE unwinding period, or until all redeterminations are conducted during the unwinding period.

As noted in the CMS approval letter, the amendment will allow the state to deliver effective care to beneficiaries during the COVID-19 PHE and further minimize burden to Medicaid beneficiaries and promote continuity of coverage during this period of time. This approval will allow the state to provide continued eligibility for CHIP enrollees who turned 19 during the public health emergency and would have lost eligibility for CHIP due to age.

Thank you to you and your team for your time and support throughout this process. We appreciate your commitment to addressing the unprecedented circumstances that have resulted during the PHE and acknowledge CMS's willingness to assure access to care for the population.

Sincerely,

Theresa Eagleson, Director
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