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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). 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 time limited for up to 15 months beginning with the first day of the first of Illinois's unwinding period.

As noted in the CMS approval letter, the amendment will allow the state to test how the expenditure authority to provide coverage beyond the statutorily limited 90-day Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) for individuals whose declared U.S. citizenship status has not yet been verified will support Illinois's management of workload during the COVID-19 PHE unwinding period with the aims of promoting continuity of coverage and reducing barriers to care.

Thank you to you and your team for your time and support throughout this process. We appreciate your commitment to addressing states' needs in managing workload during unwinding period to conduct renewals and other eligibility and enrollment actions, including outstanding verifications.

Sincerely,

Theresa Eagleson, Director
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