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Dear Mr. Tsai,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions, Waiver Lists, and Expenditures Authorities for Maryland's amendment of the demonstration project entitled "Maryland HealthChoice" (Project No: 11-W-00099/3).

Maryland respectfully requests technical corrections to the following special terms and conditions to correct minor typographic errors to these sections, as detailed below:

1. **Section 2: Program Description and Objectives, Program/Services Modifications (p. 9).**

Maryland requested 300 additional spaces for the ACIS pilot program on June 30, 2021. As written, the additional spaces requested indicate the State's November 15, 2024 request. Maryland requests a revision as outlined below:

As written: The state added 900 participants spaces for the ACIS pilot program to a total of 2,140 individuals annually.

Requested revision: The state added 300 participants spaces for the ACIS pilot program to a total of 900 individuals annually.

2. **Attachment E (p. 139).** As written, the Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services Protocol references STC 29. Maryland requests a revision to align with new formatting of STC numbers. We request that Attachment E references STC 4.10.

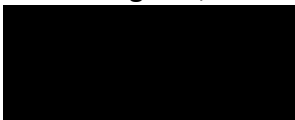
3. **Attachment F (p. 145).** As written, the Assistance in Community Integration Services Pilot Protocol references STC 28 and 900 participant spaces.

- a. The State requests a revision to refer to STC 4.9, in alignment with the updated formatting of STC numbers.

- b. In addition, the State requests a revision to indicate a total of 2,140 participant spaces.
- 4. Maryland does not have ACOs associated with its Medicaid program. The State believes this STC 7.1 was included in error during the clean up process and requests its removal.
  - a. **STC 7.1 Assessment and Coordination Organization Process (p. 59).** STC 7.1 reads as follows: “Access to institutional and community-based supports and services will be through the Assessment and Coordination Organization (ACO) process. The purpose of the ACO is to streamline the intake and assessment processes and provide beneficiaries and their families with clear, concise, and accurate information about their care options. The ACO process will involve the beneficiary and involved family members, and treating practitioners and providers to ensure comprehensive assessments and care planning. The ACO is described more fully in Attachment C.”
- 5. Maryland requests that the title of STC 8.1 be corrected from “Accountable Entities” to “Allowable Expenditures” consistent with the draft STCs reviewed earlier in January 2025.
- 6. Maryland requests that a reference in STC 8.8 to Budget Neutrality Monitoring be updated from Section XIII to Section 9, consistent with the new numbering of the STCs.

Thank you for your continued assistance with this important demonstration program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Alyssa Brown, Director of Innovation, Research, and Development (alyssa.brown@maryland.gov).

Best regards,



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