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Dear Ms. Llanos,

The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is submitting this request to withdraw the following pending §1115 demonstration amendment requests based on guidance from CMS:

1. **Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) for adults:** In accordance with CMS guidance released on November 14, 2024 via CMCS Informational Bulletin (CIB), the Department is updating its MAGI Eligibility Verification Plan to be submitted in June 2025 to include the use of SNAP as a data source to verify MAGI-based income at renewal for adult participants. On March 14, 2025, effective July 1, 2025, CMS approved the Department's state plan amendment authorizing ELE authority using SNAP data for the child population (both MAGI and non-MAGI participants).

Given the November 14, 2024 guidance and subsequent State actions, the Department wishes to withdraw amendment requests for ELE for the adult MAGI population and the non-MAGI adult population, submitted on October 25, 2023 and November 14, 2024, respectively.

2. **Fertility preservation services including the storage of sperm and oocytes:** At this time, Maryland state statute prohibits the coverage of storage of either sperm or oocytes. As such, the Department wishes to withdraw the amendment request submitted on November 14, 2024.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please reach out to Alyssa Brown, Director of Innovation, Research, and Development by phone at (410) 767- 9795 or via email at alyssa.brown@maryland.gov. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,



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