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State Demonstrations Group

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Julie Marquardt
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Dear Julie Marquardt:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a fourth temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus" (PMAP+) (Project Number 11-W-00039/5), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue to work together on the state's extension application submitted on June 29, 2020. This demonstration will now expire September 30, 2023.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts (as of Demonstration Year 25) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until September 30, 2023, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For the temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include this and the prior three temporary extension periods approved on December 21, 2020, December 9, 2021, and December 27, 2022 in its demonstration's evaluation. The state submitted the draft of its Final "Summative" Evaluation Report¹ for the initial demonstration approval period on August 11, 2022. The state may choose to include the temporary extension periods within its revised Final Evaluation Report. In this case, the revised Final Evaluation Report should be submitted within 18 months of the end of this temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond September 30, 2023, the state may choose to include the temporary extension periods in its Evaluation Design and activities for the next full demonstration approval period.

¹ The demonstration's STCs approved on February 11, 2016 require the state to complete a Final Evaluation Report, which CMS has since referred to in more recent demonstration approvals as a Summative Evaluation Report. For alignment with Minnesota's PMAP+ demonstration STCs, we will refer to this report as the Final Evaluation Report.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Katherine Friedman. Ms. Friedman is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at Katherine.Friedman@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (443) 257-5069.

Sincerely,

Mehreen H. Rashid
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Sandra Porter, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group