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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Ms. MacDonald:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus (PMAP+)" (Project No. 11-W-00039/5), to allot time for CMS and the state to continue negotiations for its five-year demonstration extension request. CMS' 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, expenditure authorities, and waiver authority will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration, including the state's current budget neutrality agreement and Demonstration Year (DY) 26 per member per month limits. This extension is effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, upon which date, unless extended or otherwise amended, all authorities granted to operate this demonstration will expire.

Similar to the previous 1-year temporary extension period, the state is expected to continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state will be expected to include both temporary extension periods in its scope of demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include the temporary extension periods within its evaluation for the current approval period. Alternatively, if the state and CMS agree to a full five-year extension of the demonstration, the state may opt to include the temporary extension periods in the evaluation design for the next full demonstration approval period. The state will submit to CMS a final evaluation report in accordance with the approved Evaluation Design. If the state does not obtain an extension beyond December 31, 2022, the state should include the temporary extension periods in its final evaluation.

During this temporary extension period, CMS expects the state to transition authority for Graduate Medical Education (GME) expenditures to the Medicaid state plan, to align with current CMS policy. CMS will provide technical assistance to the state, if requested, on state plan options for supporting GME. Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Mr.

Thomas Long. He is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Mr. Long can be reached at [Thomas.Long@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Thomas.Long@cms.hhs.gov). If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (410) 786-9686.

Sincerely,

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Director

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