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Mr. Felix Milburn  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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Children and Adults Health Programs Group  
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Dear Mr. Milburn,

The Missouri Department of Social Services (DSS), MO HealthNet Division (MHD) appreciates the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' willingness to engage with the state regarding the demonstration project entitled "Targeted Benefits for Postpartum Women" (TBPW).

Since the submission of the original demonstration waiver application, Missouri voters approved Medicaid expansion and DSS is enrolling eligible individuals. DSS anticipates that Medicaid expansion will decrease the number of women who could be served under the TBPW demonstration.

This year, as well, DSS awaits the General Assembly's decision regarding coverage for low-income postpartum women to include full benefits for one year following the end of the pregnancy, an option now available to states through their State Plans.

Considering these factors, DSS wishes to pause the implementation of the demonstration pending further information regarding the number of women who will become Medicaid-eligible via Medicaid expansion, additional potential post-partum coverage, or both. Additionally, it will allow time for DSS to better determine the costs associated with increased utilization of CCBHO services, and any potential budgetary constraints due to CCBHOs and the possible need for an emergency clause within the waiver.

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.  
Prevodilačke usluge su dostupne pozivom odjela koji učestvuje u ovom servisu na broj 1-800-392-2161.  
Servicios Interpretativos están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

TDD / TTY: 800-735-2966

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We look forward to a conversation with you to discuss any other recommendations you may have and respectfully request technical assistance with the necessary paperwork to pause this demonstration. Contact Terri Woodward at [Terri.Woodward@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Terri.Woodward@dss.mo.gov) or (573) 522-0323 with any questions or to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Richardson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Todd Richardson  
Director  
MO HealthNet Division  
Missouri Department of Social Services