

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Jacey Cooper Director Division of Eligibility and Coverage Demonstrations State Demonstrations Group Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Ms. Cooper:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) is writing to formally withdraw its Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Amendment request that was submitted on February 15, 2024, as a part of the Montana Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00395/8). The amendment application sought federal approval from CMS to amend the Section 1115 Heart Demonstration to add stays by children and youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) at Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) that are also Qualified Residential Treatment Programs.

Montana DPHHS is withdrawing this amendment request following further internal evaluation of the required program design that would be necessary if this Demonstration amendment request was approved.

Should you have any questions, please contact Carla Rime of my staff by phone at (406) 444-2584 or email at CRime2@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Rebecca de Camara

Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director/State Medicaid Director

cc: Meghan Peel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrator Renae Novak, Children's Mental Health Bureau Chief