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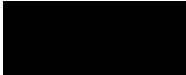
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Dear Ms. Cooper and Ms. Higgins:

On March 25, 2025, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for a new public health emergency (PHE) section 1115 demonstration, titled "North Carolina Hurricane Helene Public Health Emergency Section 1115(a) Demonstration," (Project Number 11-W-00503/4). This demonstration is effective retroactively to September 25, 2024, through March 23, 2025. This approval provides North Carolina with authorities that support the personal care service provider workforce and certain Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP) enrollees who were impacted by Hurricane Helene.

This letter serves as North Carolina's official acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and expenditure authority. We appreciate the support you have shown for North Carolina during its response to and recovery from Hurricane Helene. This PHE section 1115 demonstration approval is an important tool for the State in supporting its beneficiaries and provider workforce during the public health emergency. We are grateful for CMS's continued partnership.

Sincerely,



Deputy Secretary for North Carolina Medicaid

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