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Ing-Jye Cheng, Acting Deputy Administrator and Director  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

RE: Update to Request for Section 1115(a) Demonstration Authority for North Carolina's Disaster Declaration  
Related to Hurricane Helene

Dear Acting Deputy Administrator Cheng:

On December 11, 2024, North Carolina submitted its request for a Section 1115(a) Demonstration Authority to support its response to Hurricane Helene. North Carolina would like to withdraw the following components of the request:

- The ability to make payments for Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program (HOP) Services in the affected region without regard to the requirement that the HOP Administrator authorize services found in STC 21.T.i under North Carolina's 1115(a) Demonstration that was approved on November 29, 2023, instead permitting that HOP enrollees self-attest to their HOP eligibility.
- The ability to make payments for Healthy Opportunities Pilot Program Services in the affected region without regard to the care plan documentation requirements found in STC 21.T.iv under North Carolina's approved 1115(a) Demonstration Authority that was approved on November 29, 2023.

Throughout the emergency, state staff have continuously assessed circumstances on the ground and adjusted disaster response plans accordingly. The two flexibilities listed above were ultimately not implemented and are no longer needed to support the state's disaster response.

We appreciate your consideration of the remaining components of the Section 1115(a) Demonstration request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary, NC Medicaid

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