

## **State Demonstrations Group**

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Dear Mr. Bagley:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving your August 17, 2021 request to terminate Nebraska's section 1115(a) demonstration, titled "Heritage Health Adult" (HHA) (Project Number 11-W-00337/7). The demonstration termination is effective immediately.

On October 20, 2020, CMS approved the Nebraska HHA demonstration, which would have provided additional benefits, including dental, vision, and over-the-counter medication, to certain beneficiaries eligible in the Medicaid new adult group if they completed specified beneficiary engagement activities, including wellness initiatives, personal responsibility requirements and community engagement. The HHA demonstration was never implemented. Effective October 1, 2021, subject to approval of the corresponding State Plan Amendment, beneficiaries who would have been enrolled in the HHA demonstration will receive full state plan benefits, which will include the additional benefits that would have been available to some beneficiaries through the HHA demonstration, including dental, vision, and over-the-counter medication.

To date, the state has been in compliance with the requirements in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), including timely submission of the draft Implementation Plan to CMS. Since no beneficiaries were enrolled and no services were covered under this demonstration, CMS required the state to submit only a demonstration conclusion statement that detailed activities undertaken since the approval of the demonstration through the state's notification to CMS of its decision to terminate the demonstration. We received the state's demonstration conclusion statement on August 17, 2021. The state is not required to submit any other deliverables to CMS in connection with the Nebraska HHA demonstration.

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If you have any questions, please contact your project officer, Ms. Shelby Higgins. Ms. Higgins can be reached at (443) 926-6513 or <u>Shelby.Higgins@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Judith Cash Director

Enclosures

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