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Dear Deputy Administrator and Director:

The New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division received the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval to amend the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for New Mexico's section 1115 Demonstration entitled, "Centennial Care 2.0" (Project Number 11-W-00285/6) on March 4, 2022. This letter serves as written acceptance of CMS' award to New Mexico's COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Public Health Emergency (PHE) amendment.

New Mexico acknowledges that the amendment provides expenditure authority for state payments to providers for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine for the following state plan limited-benefit populations from December 14, 2020 through March 10, 2021:

- Individuals eligible for the optional COVID-19 group, as described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII); and
- Individuals eligible for family planning benefits, as described in sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI) and 1902(ii).

New Mexico accepts the conditions outlined by CMS and provides the following confirmations:

- The state will offer a post-award public notice process, including tribal consultation as applicable, to the extent circumstances permit;
- The state will not submit budget neutrality calculations for this amendment as this was not required by CMS;
- The state will monitor and evaluate the expenditure authority approved, including tracking demonstration expenditures and assessing how such outlays would facilitate the state's response to the COVID-19 PHE;
- The state will adhere to this expenditure authority included as an amendment to the STCs for New Mexico's "Centennial Care 2.0" Demonstration titled Attachment R;
- The state will provide a final report to CMS by the required due date that adheres to the monitoring and evaluation requirements reflected in Attachment R of the STCs;
- The state will post the CMS-approved final report to its website within 30 days of CMS approval; and

- The state will continue to comply with the previously approved STCs which set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project.

We appreciate CMS' continued support and collaboration during the COVID-19 PHE and look forward to our continued partnership to deliver the most effective care to New Mexico beneficiaries. For questions concerning this acceptance, please feel free to contact New Mexico's CMS Liaison, Valerie Tapia at 505-257-8420 or Valerie.Tapia@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,



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