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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Traylor Rains:

On March 23, 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Oklahoma's State Plan Amendment (SPA) OK-22-0042 to adopt the 12-month postpartum coverage option authorized under Section 1902(e)(16) of the Social Security Act, and to increase the income limit for the mandatory pregnancy-related eligibility group to 205 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). The SPA was approved with an effective date of January 1, 2023. On March 8, 2023, the state submitted an amendment to the section 1115(a) demonstration titled, "SoonerCare" (Project Number 11-W00048/6). This amendment included changes to align the 1115 special terms and conditions (STCs) with the approved SPA.

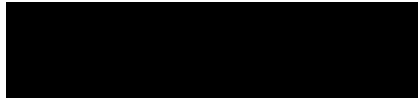
This companion letter clarifies the impact of approved SPA OK-22-0042 on Oklahoma's section 1115(a) demonstration titled, "SoonerCare" (Project Number 11-W00048/6). Under the STC of the SoonerCare demonstration, several state plan populations are affected by the demonstration, including the mandatory pregnancy-related eligibility group under 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV). Under the terms of STC 5 of the demonstration and in alignment with approved SPA OK-22-0042, effective January 1, 2023, the income limit for the mandatory pregnancy-related eligibility group incorporated into the SoonerCare demonstration is increased to 205 percent of the FPL and postpartum coverage is effective for 12 months.

The updates to the income limit and postpartum coverage timeframe made by SPA OK-22-0042 are considered to be incorporated under STC 17, which lists the state plan populations affected by the demonstration. Specific references in the STCs to previous income limits and timeframes of postpartum coverage in the demonstration will be revised at a later date as a technical conforming update. Given the impact of the approved SPA to the demonstration, as outlined in this letter, the state should plan to modify the Evaluation Design to reflect these

updates. Modifications to the Evaluation Design may be included as updates in future monitoring reports.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the SoonerCare demonstration. If you have questions regarding the state's Section 1115 demonstration, please contact your CMS project officer, Kamia Rathore, at [Kamia.Rathore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Kamia.Rathore@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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