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State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Ms. Hittle:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Oregon Health Plan (OHP)" (Project Number 11-W-00160/10), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's demonstration extension application submitted on February 18, 2022. This demonstration will now expire September 30, 2022.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, waivers, and prorated expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until September 30, 2022, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner. The state will not earn budget neutrality savings during the three-month temporary extension period.

For the temporary extension period, the state should continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state will be expected to include the temporary extension period in its demonstration evaluations. The state may include this temporary extension period within its evaluation for the current approval period, January 12, 2017 through June 30, 2022. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond September 30, 2022, the state may include this temporary extension period in the evaluation design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period. The state will submit to CMS a summative evaluation report in accordance with the approved evaluation design. The summative evaluation report will cover the full period of performance from January 12, 2017 through June 30, 2022 (and the temporary extension period if the state chooses). In the event that the state does not obtain an extension beyond September 30, 2022, the state should include the temporary extension period in its summative evaluation.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Ms. Felicia Pailen. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Pailen can be reached at

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Sincerely,

Judith Cash
Director

Enclosure

cc: Edwin Walaszek, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group