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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

To Whom It May Concern:

In Rhode Island's December 2022, 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Request and the May 2024 Extension Request Addendum, the State requested the following authorities that have not yet been approved and which are the subject of this letter:

- Expenditure authority to provide pre-release supports and Medicaid coverage for incarcerated Medicaid-enrolled adults and youth up to 90 days prior to returning to the community.
- Expenditure authority for health-related social needs, including:
 - Expanded eligibility for home stabilization services and one-time transitional supports, including up to six months of rental support.
 - Restorative and recuperative (medical respite) pilot program to support homeless individuals in need of a recuperative care setting while recovering from or preparing for medical treatment.
 - Nutrition services, including healthy food prescriptions and medically tailored meals for target populations.
- Expenditure authority for a contingency management pilot program to support recovery efforts for individuals with substance use disorders.
- Expenditure authority to expand eligibility for complementary alternative medicine.

Rhode Island now asks to withdraw these requests from the State's 1115 Demonstration Waiver Request. The State understands that this withdrawal will remove these requests from CMS review. The State understands that if at a future time Rhode Island seeks CMS review of any of these authority requests again, it will be necessary to complete a new public notice and comment process and submit the request to CMS as a new request, whether as an amendment or as part of a future extension application.

Sincerely,

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RI Medicaid Program Director

CC: Richard Charest, Secretary