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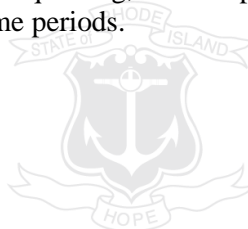
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ACCEPTANCE OF RHODE ISLAND COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE) DEMONSTRATION (WAIVER NUMBER 11-W-00348/1) SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, WAIVER AUTHORITY, AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

Dear Ms. Cash, Ms. O'Malley, and Mr. Scott:

On July 21, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services' (EOHHS) request titled "Rhode Island COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Demonstration (WAIVER NUMBER 11-W-00348/1)" which requested waivers and expenditure authority under section 1115(a) demonstration to address the COVID-19 PHE by paying retainer payments to providers of personal care services and services provided in adult day health settings using the rehabilitative services benefit as defined under section 1905(a) of the Act to maintain capacity during the emergency.

This letter serves as EOHHS' official acceptance of the "Rhode Island COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)" section 1115(a) demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00348/1) and expenditure authorities as set forth in CMS' approval letter. EOHHS does not have any requested technical corrections to the STCs. EOHHS will be requesting, under separate cover, the authority to pay these retainer payments for multiple 30-day time periods.



CMS' on-going partnership, support and guidance in assisting the EOHHS during this public health emergency are greatly appreciated. If there are any questions, please contact Melody Lawrence at Melody.Lawrence@ohhs.ri.gov or (401) 462-6348.

Sincerely,



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