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State Demonstrations Group

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Stephen Smith
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Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration
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Dear Mr. Smith:

We are writing to inform you that we intend to open a new 30 day federal comment period using the procedures set forth in 42 CFR 431.416(b) in order to receive input from the public on the special terms and conditions (STCs) of the final version of the TennCare III demonstration approved on January 8, 2021.

This solicitation of public comments will not delay or prevent implementation of the demonstration which was effective on the date of CMS approval, January 8, 2021. Counsel for the plaintiffs in the current federal court challenge to our approval of the demonstration offered to agree to hold that lawsuit in abeyance, if we opened a new federal public comment period. We determined that it would be valuable to provide a new opportunity for public input on demonstration terms currently approved for a ten-year period.

The STCs will be posted on Medicaid.gov for a 30-day federal comment period at: https://1115publiccomments.medicaid.gov/jfe/form/SV_9zWXfvSDSRtLxAy. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. April Wiley, at April.Wiley@cms.hhs.gov or at (410) 786-1342.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Director
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