January 15, 2021

The Honorable Seema Verma,
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

RE:     1115 Waiver Extension
        No: 11-W-00278/6
        Title: Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program

Dear Administrator Verma,

I am pleased to accept your approval of the 10-year extension of the Medicaid Section 1115(a) Demonstration, entitled, "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" (No: 11-W-00278/6). Our partnership with the federal government over the life of this mature demonstration has been essential in designing and achieving an efficient and effective Medicaid program. This extension specifically secures the needed commitment for our healthcare systems across Texas to continue in their strong response to the public health emergency while serving in the Medicaid program.
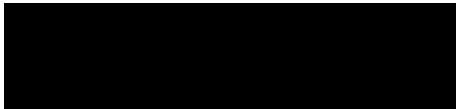
Texas acknowledges and accepts the Standard Terms and Conditions (STCs) for this demonstration extension which define the nature, character and extent of anticipated federal involvement in this extension. This written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the STCs, waiver list and expenditure authorities is submitted in fulfillment of the requirements.

My staff and I are committed to working with you and your team to make any necessary technical corrections, including any necessary corrections to Attachment A, Demonstration Deliverables, and to any protocols in Attachment T, Public Health Provider Charity Care Program.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Stephanie Stephens, State Medicaid Director, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by telephone at (512) 538-5335 or by email at Stephanie.Stephens01@hhs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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