October 19, 2026

Mr. Dan Brillman
Deputy Administrator and Director
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Mail Stop: S2-25-26
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Re: Acceptance of Conforming Changes to the Healthy Texas Women Section 1115 Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00326/6)

Dear Mr. Brillman:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is writing to formally acknowledge and accept the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) conforming changes to the special terms and conditions (STCs) for the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Section 1115 demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00326/6), as outlined in CMS's letter dated September 25, 2026.

HHSC accepts Attachment B and the conforming changes to the HTW STCs, effective October 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030. Specifically, HHSC acknowledges the revisions to STC 16 that align the demonstration's noncitizen eligibility language with the federal financial participation limitations in section 1903(v)(5) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 71109 of the Working Families Tax Cut legislation. HHSC also acknowledges the addition of STC 16(b), which applies those federal

financial participation limitations to individuals in an expanded continuous eligibility period.

HHSC further acknowledges that this action does not change the demonstration's budget neutrality agreement and that the conforming changes will be incorporated into the full HTW STCs in a future approval action. HHSC will incorporate the changes into demonstration monitoring and evaluation activities, as appropriate, and will continue to comply with applicable federal requirements and the demonstration's approved expenditure authorities and STCs.

HHSC appreciates CMS's continued partnership and looks forward to ongoing collaboration in administering the HTW demonstration. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kathi Montalbano, Director, Federal Coordination, Rules and Committees, who serves as the lead staff on this matter and may be reached by email at kathi.montalbano@hhs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Stephens

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