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## State Demonstrations Group

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Stephanie Stephens  
State Medicaid Director  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
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Austin, Texas 78751

Dear Ms. Stephens:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Texas's request to amend its section 1115(a) demonstration, entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" (THTQIP) (Project Number: 11-W-00278/6) on October 1, 2021. We have completed our preliminary review of your request to make non-risk payments to Managed Care Organizations for applied behavior analysis services in accordance with the requirements of Special Term and Condition #7 and have determined that the state's application meets the requirements for a complete amendment application.

Texas's application will be posted on Medicaid.gov for a 30-day federal comment period in accordance with 42 CFR 431.416(b). The state's amendment request will be available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/83231>. If you have questions regarding the section 1115(a) application process, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. Diona Kristian, at [diona.kristian@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:diona.kristian@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director  
Division of System Reform Demonstrations

cc: Ford Blunt, State Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group