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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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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 November 5, 2021. We have completed our preliminary review of your request to exempt STAR Kids members from preferred drug list prior authorizations 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.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Garner
Director
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cc: Ford Blunt, State Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group