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Dear Mr. Brillman,

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is pleased to accept the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for the renewal of the 1115(a) demonstration entitled "Building and Transforming Coverage, Services, and Supports for a Healthier Virginia" (BTCSSHV) (Project Number 11-W-00297/3). Virginia acknowledges that the demonstration is approved in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act and is effective from August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031. This assumes the state fulfills the requirements as outlined and agreed to in the STCs to continue the demonstration beyond December 31, 2031.

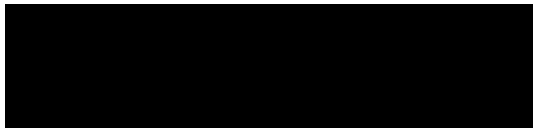
DMAS agrees that the STCs define the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project, as well as the approval of the demonstration as conditioned upon Virginia's compliance with these STCs.

I would like to thank you, and all the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) staff for their dedicated approach in working with DMAS through each phase of this application and approval process. The partnership exhibited by CMS was a significant factor in Virginia being able to develop and implement this very important program that will increase access to high-quality, clinically appropriate treatment to beneficiaries with a substance use disorder

(SUD) and/or serious mental illness (SMI) while they are short-term residents in residential and inpatient treatment settings that qualify as an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD).

My staff and I are available to answer any questions concerning the ongoing demonstration, and we look forward to working together to ensure the Building and Transforming Coverage, Services and Supports for a Healthier Virginia success.

Sincerely,



Steve Ford
Director
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CC: Sarah Aker, Acting Director, State Demonstrations Group, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services