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## State Demonstrations Group

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Mike Smith  
Secretary  
Vermont Agency for Human Services  
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Dear Secretary Smith,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the Final Evaluation Design, amended to address the new Serious Mental Illness (SMI) component of the Vermont Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration (Project No: 11-W-00194/1). This evaluation design was submitted in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the demonstration, specifically STC 71. CMS has determined that the evaluation design, which was submitted on June 1, 2020, and revised on December 4, 2020 meets the requirements set forth in the STCs and our evaluation design technical assistance, and therefore approves the state's evaluation design.

CMS has added the approved evaluation design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment K. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424, the approved evaluation design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days. CMS will also post the approved evaluation design as a standalone document, separate from the STCs, on Medicaid.gov.

We note that the interim evaluation report, consistent with the previously approved evaluation design, has already been submitted to CMS, in accordance with the timeframe established in the STCs. The summative evaluation report, consistent with this approved design, to include evaluating the newly approved SMI component, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.428 and the STCs, we look forward to receiving updates on evaluation activities in the demonstration monitoring reports.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Vermont on the Global Commitment to Health section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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