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Diona Kristian, Project Officer
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Dear Ms. Kristian and Ms. Rathore:

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the Washington Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0 Section 1115 Demonstration Amendment

On January 8, 2025, the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the Section 1115(a) demonstration, “Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0” (Project Number 11-W-00304/0 and 21-W-00071/0) (the “demonstration”) which will enable the state to: 1) provide coverage to certain former foster care youth; 2) allow the state to provide continuous eligibility to certain Children’s Health Insurance Program recipients; 3) expand the allowable facilities included in the state’s reentry demonstration initiative and provide flexibility related to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023; and, 4) provide expenditure authority for certain designated state health programs.

This letter serves as Washington’s official acceptance of the demonstration amendment award, associated special terms and conditions (STCs), and expenditure and waiver authorities, as requested in CMS’ approval. The approval of this demonstration amendment reflects a significant milestone in the shared effort between the State and the federal government to address the unique needs of Apple Health members.

We appreciate and thank CMS for its continued partnership in addressing the needs of Washington State’s most vulnerable residents. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact me or anyone on our team. I can be reached by email at charissa.fotinos@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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