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State Demonstrations Group

November 28, 2022

Cynthia Beane
Commissioner
Bureau for Medical Services
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
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Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Ms. Beane:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "West Virginia Creating a Continuum of Care for Medicaid Enrollees with Substance Use Disorders (SUD)" (Project Number 11-W-00307/3), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's demonstration application submitted on June 1, 2022. This demonstration will now expire June 30, 2023.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, waivers, and prorated expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts (as of Demonstration Year 5) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until June 30, 2023, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For the temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include the temporary extension period in its demonstration evaluation. The state may include this temporary extension period within its evaluation for the current approval period, January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond June 30, 2023, the state may include this temporary extension period in the evaluation design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period. The state will submit to CMS a Summative Evaluation Report in accordance with the Evaluation Design approved on September 27, 2019. The Summative Evaluation Report will cover the full period of performance from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022 (and the temporary extension period if the state chooses). In the event that the state does not obtain an extension beyond June 30, 2023, the state must include the temporary extension period in its summative evaluation.

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Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Gavin Proffitt. He is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact Mr. Proffitt at Gavin.Proffitt@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Judith Cash Director

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