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Melisa Byrd
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Dear Ms. Byrd.:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to enclose the summary report of the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Special Review Team visit to the District of Columbia in September 2019. The focus of the visit was to learn more about your health and welfare operations and systems. We appreciated the hard work of your team to arrange the meetings with district staff, individuals served by HCBS waivers, advocates, case managers, service providers, and other stakeholders. Additionally, your team provided extensive information regarding incident management and other health and welfare documentation before and during our visit.

Issuance of this summary report was significantly delayed due to unforeseen circumstances including focusing CMS' resources on the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Nevertheless, we believe information in the summary report will be helpful as you work to improve HCBS waiver operations and ensure the health and safety of the District of Columbia's HCBS beneficiaries. We recognize that some aspects of your program may have changed since the visit and we welcome further engagement on any matters pertaining to this report.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone at (410) 786-7561 if you have any questions or follow up on the enclosed report. You may also contact Charles Steinmetz by email to Charles.Steinmetz@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Division of HCBS Operations & Oversight

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