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Dear Dr. Bigby:

This letter is to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' submission of a Master Delivery System Transformation Initiatives (DSTI) Plan, as amended, has been approved. This plan is found to be in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the Commonwealth's section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration, entitled MassHealth, (11-W-00030/1). The plan is approved for the period starting with the date of this approval letter through June 30, 2014. Per STC 52, the approved Master DSTI Plan is hereby incorporated into the STCs as attachment J.

As a reminder, in conformance with the STC requirements, the forthcoming hospital-specific DSTI plans must also receive CMS approval before the Commonwealth may claim Federal financial participation for DSTI incentive payments to a participating hospital. DSTI incentive payments are contingent upon a participating hospital achieving project metrics as defined in its approved hospital-specific DSTI plan. Furthermore, this approval is granted with the understanding that the Commonwealth and participating hospitals will adhere to the requirement that all DSTI initiatives must be new or reflect a significant enhancement to an existing health care initiative to ensure that that there is no duplication of Federal funding in support of an initiative.

Your project officers are Ms. Jennifer Sheer and Ms. Lynn DeVecchio. They are available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 Demonstration. Their contact information is as follows:

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We commend the Commonwealth for its commitment to ensuring that the investment made herein is constructive and that meaningful transformation occurs within the Demonstration period. We look forward to working closely with the Commonwealth to monitor progress along the way.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosure

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