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Dear Mr. Milburn:

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is pleased that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved "West Virginia's "Creating a Continuum of Care for Medicaid Enrollees with Substance Use Disorders" 1115 Demonstration Waviver. We look forward to continuing to work with CMS to implement the new Substance Use Disorders (SUD) benefit and introduce SUD delivery system reforms.

The demonstration will allow WV to combat prescription drug misuse and opioid use disorders, expand the SUD benefits package to cover the full continuum of SUD treatment, including methadone treatment services, peer recovery support services, withdrawal management services and short-term residential services to all WV Medicaid enrollees. The SUD demonstration will increase access to high quality SUD care and expand the provider networks available to serve the Medicaid populations.

WV understands in implementing the SUD demonstration, WV will be delivering SUD services through comprehensive managed care plans and introducing new policy, provider and managed care requirements to improve quality of the care delivered to WV Medicaid beneficiaries and to ensure SUD treatment services are delivered consistent with American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. Additionally, WV will assess short-term residential treatment providers as delivering care consistent with the ASAM Criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this acceptance letter, we look forward to working with your staff to combat the opioid epidemic and improve the care and outcomes for individuals with SUD.

Sincerely,

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Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
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Cc: Francis McCullough, Associate Regional Administrator