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State Demonstrations Group

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Ms. Deidre Gifford
Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Social Services
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Dear Ms. Gifford:

Thank you for your application for a new section 1115 Medicaid demonstration, titled “Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver” (Project Number: 11-W-00372/1). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Connecticut’s request on August 9, 2021. We have completed a preliminary review of your demonstration request and determine that the state’s application is complete in accordance with section 42 CFR 431.412(a).

In light of the national public health emergency concerning COVID-19 and statewide social distancing guidance to prevent its spread, two virtual public hearings were held on February 10, 2021 and February 18, 2021 to solicit feedback on the state’s proposal. These meetings were permissible through CMS’ authority under 42 CFR 431.416(g)(2) which allows a state to depart from normal public notice procedures due to the unforeseen nature of the public health emergency. Under section 431.416(g)(3), in order for a state to receive an exemption under section 431.416(g)(2), the state must meet three criteria: (i) the state must be acting in good faith, and in a diligent, timely, and prudent manner; (ii) the circumstances must constitute an emergency that could not have been reasonably foreseen; and (iii) it must be the case that a delay would undermine or compromise the purpose of the demonstration and be contrary to the interests of beneficiaries. CMS has determined that the state has met these criteria.

Connecticut’s application will be posted on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.medicaid.gov) and the federal comment period will last 30 days, as required by 42 CFR 431.416(b). The application will be available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/index.html>.

If you have questions regarding the section 1115 demonstration renewal process, please contact your CMS project officer Ms. Lorraine Nawara at Lorraine.Nawara1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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X Jennifer Kostasich for

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