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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Charron:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's existing COVID-19 expenditure authority, under the state's demonstration titled "Idaho Behavioral Health Transformation" (Project Number 11-W-00339/10), to allow the state to reimburse legally responsible individuals for providing personal care services. The temporary extension will allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the demonstration amendment application submitted on November 7, 2023. The COVID-19 expenditure authority will now expire March 29, 2024.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, attachments, and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this authority.

For this temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor and evaluate its COVID-19 expenditure authority, as stipulated in Attachment G of the STCs. Specifically, the state is required to submit a Final Report consolidating the monitoring and evaluation reporting requirements for the COVID-19 authority, due to CMS no later than one year after the end of the temporary extension approval period.

If you have any questions, please contact your project officer, Ms. Kelsey Smyth at [Kelsey.Smyth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Smyth@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

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