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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Kellogg:

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 authorities, under the state's demonstration titled "New Mexico Centennial Care 2.0" (Project Number 11-W00285/6), to allow the state to reimburse legally responsible individuals for providing personal care services to Community Benefit members and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment children. The temporary extension will allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the demonstration extension application submitted on December 15, 2022, and the demonstration extension addendum submitted on September 18, 2023, which contain the request to make these COVID authorities long-term components of the demonstration. The COVID-19 authorities will now expire February 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 waiver 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 authorities as stipulated in Attachments Q and V of the STCs. Specifically, the state is required to submit a Final Report consolidating the monitoring and evaluation reporting requirements for the COVID-19 authorities, 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. Sandra Phelps at [Sandra.Phelps@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Sandra.Phelps@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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