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ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEVADA'S TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDERS (OUDS) AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (SUDS) TRANSFORMATION PROJECT SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

Dear Ms. Cash and Mr. Taylor,

On December 29, 2022, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a section 1115(a) demonstration titled "Nevada's Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders (OUDs) and Substance Use Disorders (SUDs) Transformation Project" (Project Number 11-W-00409/9), effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027. Approval of this demonstration will enable Nevada to receive federal financial participation (FFP), once CMS approves the state's implementation plan, for otherwise covered Medicaid state plan services that are furnished to otherwise eligible individuals who are primarily receiving treatment and withdrawal management services for SUD as short-term residents in facilities that meet the definition of an institution for mental diseases (IMD). Additionally, this demonstration provides expenditure authority for enrollees of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) who move into an IMD while enrolled, or individuals who would otherwise be eligible for CHIP but who are residing in an IMD at the time of application or renewal. Along with approval of this section 1115(a) demonstration, CMS also requires Nevada to meet the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs).

This letter serves as Nevada's official acceptance of the section 1115(a) demonstration, associated STCs, expenditure authority, and any supplemental attachments defining the nature, character, and extent of federal involvement in this demonstration project as requested in CMS' approval letter. We appreciate and thank CMS for your time and commitment in partnering with Nevada to improve health equity and reduce disparities to allow Nevada to provide access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries ages 22-64 and CHIP enrollees in need of SUD treatment in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) who did not have access prior to this demonstration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Sarah Dearborn, Social Services Chief,

Behavioral Health Unit by email at sdearborn@dhehp.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



[Stacie Weeks \(Jan 25, 2023 08:18 PST\)](#)

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