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The Honorable Calder Lynch
Deputy Administrator and Acting Director
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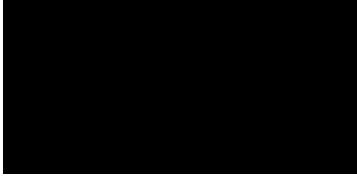
Dear Deputy Administrator Lynch:

I am very pleased to receive approval for the supportive employment and housing benefit, which was submitted on November 20, 2018 as a new Medicaid program feature within Virginia's 1115 demonstration extension application, otherwise approved on December 30, 2019. DMAS truly appreciates the collaboration with the CMS team as we worked towards reaching this agreement and realizing our shared vision.

Virginia accepts the 1115 Demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00297/3) Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for the High Needs Supports benefit as presented in the CMS July 9, 2020 letter. The Commonwealth is pleased to comply with these terms in order to implement critical housing and employment support services that directly impact the health and well-being of the Commonwealth's high need Medicaid enrollees with mental illness, substance use disorder, or other complex, chronic conditions. DMAS acknowledges CMS' acceptance of the section 1115 demonstration name change from "Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) Delivery System Transformation" to "Building and Transforming Coverage, Services, and Supports for a Healthier Virginia" to better encompass the current ARTS and former foster youth coverage provisions, the new High Needs Supports program and any potential future programs.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we have worked with CMS toward approval of this waiver request. We look forward to continued work with CMS as we implement the terms and conditions of this demonstration.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources,
Commonwealth of Virginia
Judith Cash, Director, State Demonstrations Group, CMCS
Margaret Kosherzenko, Health Insurance Specialist, CMS