
Ms. Kristin Thorn
Medicaid Director
Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Ms. Thorn:

This letter is to inform you that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Pediatric Asthma Pilot Program Protocol (Protocol) has been approved (copy enclosed). The implementation of this Protocol is subject to our receipt of your written acceptance of the Protocol within 30 days of the date of this letter. If Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) does not receive your written acceptance of this Protocol within 30 days of the date of this letter, then the authority for this pilot program to receive Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not effective.

Our team continues to be available to provide technical assistance and answer any questions as you work on the implementation of this Protocol.

Your project officer is Ms. Elizabeth Matthews. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Matthews' contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Matthews and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Eliot Fishman, Director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group in the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing work with your staff on future developments within your demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Angela Garner
Acting Director

Enclosures

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