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Mr. Tim Hill
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Dear Mr. Hill,

This letter serves as formal acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) governing the amendment to Maryland's § 1115 HealthChoice demonstration submitted on July 2, 2018. The Secretary of Health is requesting a technical correction to the STCs to bring the family planning program services covered for post-partum women into alignment with Maryland's eligibility limits for women who cover for services due to pregnancy.

The § 1115 Amendment permits Maryland to modify the family planning program so that effective upon the approval date of MD SPA 18-005 women of child bearing age who are at or below 200 percent of the FPL and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid, CHIP, or Medicare, but had Medicaid pregnancy coverage will be eligible for the HealthChoice family planning program for 12 months immediately following the 2-month post-partum period. Specifically, the Department now seeks to make a technical correction the STCs to permit Maryland to cover family planning program services for post-partum women meeting these criteria who have a family income at or below 250 percent of the FPL. The Maryland Medicaid Program currently covers adults up to 138% of the FPL and pregnant women up to 250 percent of the FPL. This technical amendment will ensure that all women who previously qualified for Medicaid due to pregnancy are able to access family planning benefits for 12 months after they lose comprehensive coverage post-partum.

The Department looks forward to working with CMS regarding this proposed modification. Thank you for considering our proposal. If you have any questions, please contact me at (410) 767-5809, or tricia.rodny@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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