



Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

June 27, 2012

Douglas A. Racine, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
208 Hurricane Lane, Suite 103
Williston, VT 05495

Dear Mr. Racine:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved an amendment for Vermont's section 1115 Demonstration, Global Commitment to Health (11-W-00194/1). The enclosed changes fully respond to the State's amendment request submitted on May 14, 2012. The State requested a August 1, 2012 effective date.

The amended section 1115 Demonstration provides Vermont with the authority to:

1. Eliminate the \$75 inpatient admission co-pay; and,
2. Implement nominal co-payments for the Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP) population as long as they do not exceed the co-payments charged to State plan populations under the Medicaid State plan.

CMS approval of this section 1115 Demonstration amendment is subject to the limitations specified in the approved waiver and expenditure authorities and not applicables list. The State may deviate from the Medicaid State plan requirements only to the extent those requirements have been specifically listed as waived or not applicable to the expenditure authorities. All requirements of the Medicaid program as expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement not expressly waived or identified as not applicable shall apply to the Global Commitment to Health Demonstration. No changes are being made to the list of waivers or expenditure authorities.

This approval is conditioned upon continued compliance with the enclosed Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of Federal involvement in this project. This approval is also conditioned upon written acceptance from the State that it agrees with the amendment, waivers, expenditure authorities, and STCs. This written acceptance is needed for our records within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Your contact for this Demonstration is Ms. Anne Chiang, who may be reached at (410) 786-5354 and through e-mail at Anne.Chiang@cms.hhs.gov. Ms. Chiang is available to answer any questions concerning the scope and implementation of the project. Communications regarding program matters and official correspondence concerning the Demonstration should be submitted to Ms. Chiang at the following address:

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Official communication regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Chiang and to Mr. Rich 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 Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, and CHIP Services, at (410) 786-5647.

Sincerely,

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Director

Enclosures

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