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Mike Levine
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Dear Assistant Secretary Levine:

Thank you for your request for an extension to the Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) transition period enumerated in Special Term and Condition (STC) 7.9 of Massachusetts's section 1115(a) demonstration entitled, "MassHealth Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) Section 1115 Demonstration" (Project Numbers 11-W-00030/1 and 21-W-00071/1). Consistent with the STC requirement, the Commonwealth has worked with the facilities meeting the definition of Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD) that are providing Community Crisis Stabilization or Community Based Acute Treatment for Children and Adolescents, to obtain accreditation status. The Commonwealth has requested an extension until January 1, 2025 for one remaining facility that has received the requisite state licensure but is awaiting to receive accreditation status. CMS recognizes the Commonwealth's efforts to comply with STC 7.9 and approves the extension for the remaining facility until January 1, 2025.

We appreciate the Commonwealth's commitment to improving the health of people in Massachusetts, and we look forward to our continued partnership on the MassHealth section 1115(a) demonstration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ambrosia Watts, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group