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State Demonstrations Group

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Cynthia Beane
Commissioner
Bureau for Medical Services
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
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Dear Cynthia Beane:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "West Virginia Creating a Continuum of Care for Medicaid Enrollees with Substance Use Disorders (SUD)" (Project Number 11-W-00307/3), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's demonstration extension application submitted on June 1, 2022. This demonstration will now expire March 31, 2024.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts (as of Demonstration Year 5) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until March 31, 2024, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For the temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include this and the prior temporary extension periods in its demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include this and the prior temporary extension periods within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning January 1, 2018. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of this temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond March 31, 2024, the state may choose to include the temporary extension periods in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Jamie John. Jamie is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at Jamie.John@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (443) 257-5069.

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

cc: Nicole Guess, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group