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Dear Mr. Slavitt:

This letter serves as the State of Michigan's formal acceptance of the Special Terms and Conditions for the amendment to the Section 1115 Demonstration known as the Healthy Michigan Plan, as provided in your December 17, 2015 correspondence. The State acknowledges the time and effort you and your colleagues at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have provided as we worked together to advance the State's vision for the Healthy Michigan Plan through the waiver amendment process.

We understand from previous discussions with our federal partners that technical corrections to the Special Terms and Conditions may be requested by the State following approval of the demonstration, therefore the State wishes to take the opportunity in this acceptance letter to do so. We look forward to discussing these items with your colleagues as we continue to work to implement the next phase of the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Notices (Paragraph 48)

The State has a robust enrollment services process that serves its traditional Medicaid program as well as Healthy Michigan Plan program beneficiaries. Given this experience, and the fact that a process must still be developed for beneficiaries enrolling in the Marketplace Option, the State seeks additional flexibility with respect to the notices described in Paragraph 48. The State is committed to providing all notices called for under paragraph 48 but seeks more latitude in how these mailings are designed and operationalized. For example:

- The State has a process in place regarding the issuance of the Medicaid card and related information, and requests that the requirement in 48(c) for all Marketplace Option beneficiaries to receive a Medicaid card be deleted. Given that many (if not most) of these beneficiaries will have already received this card prior to electing the Marketplace Option, the requirement to send a new card to all Marketplace Option beneficiaries is unnecessary.
- Similarly, to promote efficiency and preserve flexibility, the State requests that any language requiring that certain notices be provided with other materials or information be deleted. For example, 48(d) ties the Medicaid card mailing to the information on wrapped benefits. The State appreciates that beneficiaries must be notified regarding wrapped benefits, but would prefer that the Special Terms and Conditions remain silent on what the other contents of the mailing must be.

Enrollment Process (Paragraph 50)

Because the State is in the earliest phases of planning for the Marketplace Option described in the approved waiver amendment, the State is requesting broader language regarding the enrollment process described in paragraph 50. To maintain flexibility and best leverage existing resources, the State requests that the timing, content and other details of the various transactions associated with enrollment into the Marketplace Option (Paragraph 50 f-j) be deleted from the Special Terms and Conditions. The State instead requests that these requirements be addressed in a separate protocol or attachment to be completed by the State, with input and approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, at a later date.

The State is grateful for the assistance you and your colleagues have already provided and looks forward to continued collaboration. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jackie Prokop at (517) 335-5184 or by email at prokopj@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,



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