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Michelle Baass
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Dear Director Baass:

Thank you for your recent application for a new section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration titled, “Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT)”. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received California’s request on October 20, 2023, and has completed its preliminary review to find the state’s application complete in accordance with 42 CFR 431.412(a).

California’s application will be posted on Medicaid.gov for a 30-day federal comment period as required by 42 CFR 431.416(b). The state’s application will be available at: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/index.html>.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the proposed demonstration application. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your CMS project officer, Heather Ross, at Heather.Ross@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

10/26/2023

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