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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Cunningham:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's existing COVID-19 expenditure authority, under the state's demonstration titled "Continuity of Care and Administrative Simplification (Project Number 11-W-00341/5), to allow the state to extend the Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) to facilitate the equitable application of the verification policies and processes for individuals who have declared to U.S. citizenship and individuals who have declared satisfactory immigration status. The COVID-19 expenditure authority will be in effect until the state has completed all unwinding-related renewals.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, attachments, and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this authority.

For this temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor and evaluate its COVID-19 expenditure authority. The state is required to submit to CMS a Final Report evaluating the entire approval period, including the temporary extension period, as stipulated in the approval letter of this authority.

If you have any questions, please contact your project officer, Jonathan Morancy at [Jonathan.morancy@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Jonathan.morancy@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director

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