



July 8, 2024

Jacey Cooper, Director
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: Indian Health Board demonstration

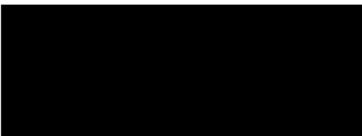
Dear Ms. Cooper:

Please accept this letter as notice of Minnesota's withdrawal of the section 1115 demonstration waiver application submitted on January 13, 2017 titled "Indian Health Board of Minneapolis". The request sought federal authority to allow tribal organizations dually certified as Urban Indian Health Programs under Title V of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act and Federally Qualified Health Centers to receive the outpatient, per visit encounter rate paid to Indian Health Services Facilities when providing services to Medicaid beneficiaries. The application also sought federal authority to allow the state receive 100 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for such services. This matching rate is available for Medicaid services provided to American Indian and Alaska Native people through the Indian Health Service and tribally operated health care clinics pursuant to section 1905(b) of the Act.

Based on communications between the state and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), we understand that section 1115 waivers only permit CMS to treat expenditures as federally matchable and do not authorize CMS to alter FMAP rates in federal statute. Given this information we are withdrawing the state's application. We appreciate CMS' review and consultation.

If you have questions or require additional information please contact Patrick Hultman, Deputy Medicaid Director at patrick.hultman@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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