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State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Vivian Levy:

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 "Oregon Health Plan" (Project Number 11-W-00415/10 and 21-W-00073/10), to allow the state to provide continuous coverage for individuals determined ineligible for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) due to a change in circumstances and who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid due to income above 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). CMS has also approved a temporary extension of the state's existing COVID-19 expenditure authority to allow the state to extend the Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) to facilitate an equitable application of the verification policies and processes for individuals who have declared to U.S. citizenship and individuals who have declared to satisfactory immigration status. These COVID-19 expenditure authorities 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, Felicia Pailen at Felicia.Pailen@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: Nikki Lemmon, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group