



Administrator

Washington, DC 20201

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Doug Racine
Secretary
Agency for Human Services
103 South Main Street
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Dear Mr. Racine:

I am pleased to inform you that Vermont's request to renew your Section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration, entitled "Global Commitment to Health" (Project Number 11-W-00194/1), has been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in accordance with Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act). This approval is effective as of the date of this letter through December 31, 2016 unless otherwise specified.

The approval allows the state to sustain and improve its ability to provide coverage, affordability, and access to health care by making changes to the demonstration that conform to the new coverage opportunities created under the Affordable Care Act. Additionally, these changes will promote continuity of care. The amendment revises the demonstration to reflect that the state is adopting the new adult group in the state plan. Accordingly, individuals with incomes at or below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) will be in the demonstration and individuals previously served in the demonstration with incomes above that amount will be served in the state's Marketplace. The state is also being granted authority to provide hospice care concurrently with curative therapy for adults and add supportive employment as a covered home and community based service.

At this time CMS is continuing to collaborate with the state on the review of the state's requests related to the following: use of modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) for MAGI-exempt beneficiaries; Medicaid funding for certain Medicare premiums; and consolidation of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Choices for Care section 1115 demonstration, and the state's pending duals demonstration.

The CMS approval of the Global Commitment to Health demonstration is conditioned upon continued compliance with the enclosed set of Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The State may deviate from the Medicaid state plan requirements only to the extent those requirements have been waived or specifically listed as not applicable to the expenditure authorities. The award is subject to our receiving your written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of these STCs within 30 days of the date of this letter. A copy of the revised STCs, waivers and expenditure authorities are enclosed.

Your project officer for this demonstration is Ms. Megan Renfrew. She is available to answer any questions concerning your Section 1115 demonstration. Her contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Renfrew and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office.

Mr. McGreal's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Dr. Eliot Fishman, Director of the Children and Adults Health Programs Group in the Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-5647.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn Tavenner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Marilyn Tavenner

Enclosures