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Jenney Samuelson
Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
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Dear Secretary Samuelson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Vermont's Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conflict of Interest Corrective Action Plan (CAP), which is required by the Vermont Global Commitment to Health (GCH) section 1115(a) demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00194/1) Special Terms and Conditions (STCs). CMS determined the CAP submitted on December 17, 2021, with subsequent revisions, will ensure the five specialized HCBS programs operated under the demonstration are in compliance with HCBS conflict of interest protections, as described in STC 7.7, by no later than May 1, 2026. CMS approves the state's CAP, and it will be codified as Attachment Q to the STCs. The state must report progress on CAP activities and milestones in the quarterly and annual demonstration monitoring reports.

Your CMS points of contact, Ms. Rabia Khan and Ms. Melanie Johnson, are available to address any questions you may have related to this correspondence. Ms. Khan and Ms. Johnson can be reached at Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov and Melanie.Johnson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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