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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) approved the Evaluation Design for Vermont's Reasonable Opportunity Period COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) amendment to the section 1115 demonstration entitled, "Vermont Global Commitment to Health" (Project No: 11-W-00194/1). We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to efficiently meeting the requirement for an Evaluation Design as was stipulated in the approval letter for this amendment dated March 7, 2023, especially under these extraordinary circumstances.

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424(c), the approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within 30 days. CMS will also post the approved Evaluation Design on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov).

Consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, the draft Final Report will be due to CMS 18 months after the expiration of the amendment approval period.

We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to evaluating the Reasonable Opportunity Period COVID-19 PHE amendment under these extraordinary circumstances. We look forward to our continued partnership on the Vermont Global Commitment to Health section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

Danielle Daly
Director
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cc: Gilson DaSilva, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group