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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Ms. Byrd:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the Evaluation Design, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STC) of the District of Columbia's section 1115 demonstration, "Behavioral Health Transformation" (Project No: 11-W-00331/3). CMS has determined that the evaluation design, which was submitted on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 and revised on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, meets the requirements set forth in the STCs and our SUD and SMI evaluation design guidance, and therefore approves the District's evaluation design.

CMS has added the approved evaluation design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment F. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424, the approved evaluation design may now be posted to the District's Medicaid website within thirty days. CMS will also post the approved evaluation design as a standalone document, separate from the STCs, on Medicaid.gov.

Please note that an interim evaluation report, consistent with the approved evaluation design, is due to CMS one year prior to the expiration of the demonstration, or at the time of the extension application, if the state chooses to extend the demonstration. Likewise, a summative evaluation report, consistent with this approved design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period. In accordance with 42 CFR 431.428 and the STCs, we look forward to receiving updates on evaluation activities in the quarterly and annual monitoring reports.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the DC Behavioral Health Transformation section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Jack Nocito. Mr. Nocito is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and may be reached either by phone at 410-786-0199 or by email at Jack.Nocito@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Frankeena McGuire, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group