November 30, 2020

Melissa Byrd  
Medicaid Director  
Department of Health Care Finance  
One Judiciary Square 441 4th St NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Byrd:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the SUD and SMI Monitoring Protocols, which are 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 monitoring protocols, which were submitted on November 2, 2020, meet the requirements set forth in the STCs, and thereby approves the District’s SUD and SMI monitoring protocols.

The monitoring protocols are approved for the demonstration period through December 31, 2024 and are hereby incorporated into the demonstration STCs as Attachment E. In accordance with STC 63 (Public Access), the approved SUD and SMI monitoring protocols may now be posted to your state’s Medicaid website.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. 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.
We look forward to our continued partnership on the DC Behavior Health Transformation section 1115 demonstration.

Sincerely,

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