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State Demonstrations Group

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Melisa Byrd
Senior Deputy Director and State Medicaid Director
Department of Health Care Finance
One Judiciary Square 441 4th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Byrd:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the most recent revisions to the Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Implementation Plans for Washington D.C.'s ("the District") approved section 1115(a) demonstration, titled "Behavioral Health Transformation" (BHT) (Project No. 11-W-00331/3). We have determined that, pending an updated mental health services assessment, the revised implementation plans are consistent with the requirements outlined in the BHT's Special Terms and Conditions (STC). Therefore, CMS is concurrently approving the SMI and SUD Implementation Plans. With this concurrent approval, the state may begin receiving federal financial participation as of the effective date of January 1, 2020, as listed in the STCs, for providing the services approved under the BHT demonstration. A copy of the approved SMI and SUD Implementation Plans are enclosed and, hereby, incorporated into the STCs as Attachments C and D, respectively.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your project officer, Mr. Jack Nocito. Mr. Nocito can be reached at (410) 786-0199, or at Jack.Nocito@cms.hhs.gov.

We look forward to continuing work with your staff on the District's BHT section 1115(a) demonstration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mehreen Rashid".

for
Angela D. Garner
Director

Division of System Reform Demonstrations

cc: Francis McCullough, Director, Division of Medicaid Field Operations East