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Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH
Acting Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
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Dear Acting Secretary Arkoosh:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Evaluation Design for Pennsylvania's Managed Care Risk Mitigation COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) amendment to the section 1115 demonstration entitled, "Medicaid Coverage for Former Foster Care Youth from a Different State and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Demonstration" (Project No: 11-W-00308/3). 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 January 28, 2022, 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 demonstration approval period.

We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to evaluating this amendment under these extraordinary circumstances. We look forward to our continued partnership on the Pennsylvania Medicaid Coverage for Former Foster Care Youth from a Different State and SUD section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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cc: Daniel Belnap, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group