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State Demonstrations Group

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Carmen Heredia
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Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
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Dear Director Heredia:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Evaluation Design, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), specifically, STC XIV, of the section 1115 demonstration, “Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)” (Project Number 11-W-00275/9), effective through September 30, 2027. CMS has determined that the Evaluation Design, which was submitted on September 29, 2023, and revised on January 31, 2024, and encompasses all demonstration components except the Housing and Health Opportunities (H2O) and Targeted Investments (TI) 2.0 initiatives,¹ meets the requirements set forth in the STCs and our evaluation design guidance, and therefore approves the state’s Evaluation Design.

CMS has added the approved Evaluation Design to the demonstration’s STCs as Attachment H. 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 state’s Medicaid website within 30 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 demonstration monitoring reports.

¹ The Evaluation Designs for the demonstration’s H2O and TI 2.0 components will be separately submitted to CMS.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Arizona on the AHCCCS section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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cc: Brian Zolynas, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group