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Carmen Heredia
Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 East Jefferson Street
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Dear Director Heredia:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Evaluation Design for Arizona's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) amendment to the section 1115 demonstration entitled, "Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System" (Project No: 11-W-00275/9). 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 June 7, 2023, 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.

Consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, the draft Final Report will be due to CMS no later than one year after the end of the amendment approval period, which will occur when all redeterminations for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries are conducted during the unwinding period.

We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to evaluating the COVID-19 PHE amendment under these extraordinary circumstances. We look forward to our continued partnership on the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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Division of Demonstration Monitoring and Evaluation

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