



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 14, 2021

The Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra:

Please find Texas's re-application to extend the Texas Healthcare Transformation Quality Improvement Program (THTQIP- 11 -W-00278/6), a Medicaid waiver program operating under the authority of Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. Included with this letter are the documents comprising Texas's extension application, as required by 42 C.F.R. § 431.412(c), which have been prepared by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Per your communications with HHSC, these materials reflect the same terms that Texas negotiated with CMS before CMS approved a waiver extension in January 2021. Texas maintains that this approval remains in effect. To the extent reapproval is necessary, your re-approval is requested by September 30, 2021.

Texas Medicaid has operated a Section 1115 Demonstration project authorizing Medicaid managed care since 2011. The State of Texas serves over 4.7 million Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries, with 94 percent served within managed care. The THTQIP Waiver has deployed a cost-effective care model that encompasses 17 Managed Care Organizations and three Dental Maintenance organizations and their provider networks. With this effective model of care, Texas HHSC seeks to continue to advance innovation and drive quality for Texans.

The objective for Texas Medicaid to provide a cost-effective model of care while incentivizing high-quality care and outcomes remains clear. An extension of this current work is essential to maintaining vital financial support for our Medicaid providers across the great State of Texas. For questions about this request, please contact Cecile Erwin Young, the HHSC Executive Commissioner, at (512) 424-6502 or at Cecile.Young@hhs.texas.gov. Thank you for your consideration and prompt action to approve this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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Attachment