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State Demonstrations Group

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Stephanie Stephens
State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
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Dear Ms. Stephens:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of Texas's Evaluation Design, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), specifically STC #83, of the state's section 1115 demonstration "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" (THTQIP) (Project Number:11-W-00278/6), effective through September 30, 2030. CMS determined that the Evaluation Design, which was first submitted on July 14, 2021 and subsequently revised on February 28, 2022, meets the requirements set forth in the STCs, and therefore, approves the state's THTQIP demonstration Evaluation Design.

CMS will add the approved Evaluation Design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment D. In accordance with 42 CFR § 431.424, the approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days.

Per the STCs, three Interim Evaluation Reports are due to CMS covering demonstration years seven through sixteen. The first Interim Evaluation Report, covering demonstration years seven through eleven (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2022) will utilize the CMS evaluation design, which was approved on August 2, 2018, and revised on March 16, 2022. The subsequent second and third Interim Evaluation Reports will utilize this evaluation design, as approved on May 26, 2022. If the state is seeking to extend the demonstration, the third draft Interim Evaluation Report (for demonstration years 10 through 16 covering October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2027) is due at the time of the extension application. Likewise, a Summative Evaluation Report, consistent with this approved design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period.

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

Sincerely,

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cc: Ford Blunt, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group