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Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Evaluation Design, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), specifically, STC#36, of Colorado's section 1115 demonstration, "Expanding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care" (Project No: 11-W-00336/8), effective through December 31, 2025. CMS determined that the Evaluation Design, which was submitted on September 30, 2021 and revised on April 29, 2022, meets the requirements set forth in the STCs and our evaluation design guidance, and therefore approves the state's SUD Evaluation Design.

CMS has added the approved SUD Evaluation Design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment E. 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 thirty 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.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Colorado on the Expanding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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