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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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Jacey Cooper  
Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs  
CA Department of Health Care Services  
Director's Office, MS 0000  
P.O. Box 997413  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7418

Re: California 438.6(c) Proposal L Approval

Dear Ms. Cooper:

In accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 438.6(c), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed and is approving California's submission of a proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives under Medicaid managed care plan contracts. The proposal was received by CMS on June 30, 2019.

Specifically, the following proposal for delivery system and provider payment initiatives (i.e., state directed payment) is approved:

- Quality Incentive Pool for Designated Public Hospital Systems for the rating period covering July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

This approval letter does not constitute approval of any Medicaid managed care plan contracts or rate certifications for the aforementioned rating period, or any specific Medicaid financing mechanism used to support the provider payment arrangement. All other federal laws and regulations apply. This approval letter only satisfies the regulatory requirement pursuant to 42 CFR 438.6(c)(2) for written approval prior to implementation of any payment arrangement described in 42 CFR 438.6(c)(1). Approval of the corresponding Medicaid managed care plan contracts and rate certifications is still required.

Note that this payment arrangement must be addressed in the applicable rate certifications. The state is always required to submit a contract action(s) to incorporate the contractual obligation for the state directed payment and related capitation rates that include this payment arrangement. CMS is happy to provide technical assistance to states and their actuaries.

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If you have questions concerning this approval or state directed payments in general, please contact Alex Loizias, Division of Managed Care Reimbursement Policy, at (410) 786-2435, or Alexandra.Loizias@cms.hhs.gov or Stephanie Sale, Division of Managed Care Operations, at (214) 767-4419 or Stephanie.Sale@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Brooks  
DMCO Director