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Ms. Mari Cantwell
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:


This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the attached evaluation design for the Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots authorized under the section 1115(a) demonstration entitled "Medi-Cal 2020" (11-W-00193/9), as submitted by the state and as modified through our discussions. A copy of the approved WPC evaluation design is enclosed.

As a part of this approval, CMS is asking the state to identify a timeline for finalizing the timing and availability of the Medi-Cal claims and encounter data that will be included in the interim evaluation report by the state's next quarterly monitoring report. In the state's next quarterly monitoring report, the state will also identify a timeline for finalizing the selection of a comparison group for purposes of the evaluation. Given the complexity of the demonstration, CMS recognizes that it is challenging for the state to provide definitive details on every aspect of the evaluation at this time, and CMS will continue to work with the state in finalizing the selection of comparison groups for purposes of the evaluation.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on the Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your project officer, Mrs. Heather Ross, at either 410-786-3666, or by email at Heather.Ross@cms.hhs.gov.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the review process.

Sincerely,


Angela D. Garr
Director
Division of System Reform Demonstrations

Enclosure

cc: Henrietta Sam-Louie, ARA Region IX