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California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration (11-W-00193/9) – Withdrawal of Proposed Amendment for the Addition of the Medi-Cal Access Program Population to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Delivery System

Dear Ms. Cash, Ms. Ross, and Ms. Sam-Louie:

On February 16, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) submitted a proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend the Special Terms and Conditions of California's Section 1115 Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration.

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The proposed amendment would allow DHCS to add the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) population to the Medi-Cal Managed Care (MMC) Delivery System, effective July 1, 2017.

Based on a discussion with CMS on April 26, 2017, CMS advised the State to convert DHCS' amendment proposal into a Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment (SPA). This letter serves as California's official withdrawal of the waiver amendment request in response to CMS guidance. DHCS will submit the CHIP SPA package to CMS and will be prepared to work diligently to obtain prompt approval.

DHCS appreciates CMS' support and ongoing engagement in discussions with the State on this proposal since its initial submission in February. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Angeli Lee by phone at (916) 324-0184 or by email at <u>Angeli Lee@dhcs.ca.gov</u>.

Sincerely,	Δ	
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