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Ms. Mari Cantwell  
Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Health Care Services  
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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 Public Hospital Redesign Incentives in Medi-Cal (PRIME) Program 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 PRIME evaluation design is enclosed.

As a part of this approval, CMS requests that the state provide updates in its quarterly demonstration monitoring reports regarding the availability of adequate data to conduct the evaluation as outlined in the approved evaluation design. The approved evaluation design includes measures that are dependent upon the availability of data, including information on costs. Once the state is able to confirm the availability of data, the state will submit a revised evaluation design to CMS clarifying the data sources for the affected measures.

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](mailto:Heather.Ross@cms.hhs.gov).

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the review process.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Angela D. Garner.

Angela D. Garner  
Director  
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Enclosure

cc: Henrietta Sam-Louie, ARA Region IX