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Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) submits the enclosed 2021 Annual Network Certification Report for Specialty Mental Health Services and supporting data and documentation confirming that all Mental Health Plans (MHP) contracted with DHCS are compliant, or have been deemed compliant, with the network certification requirements set forth in 42 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §§438.206, 438.207, and 438.68. The Annual Network Certification Report is submitted in accordance with 42 C.F.R. §438.207(d). This report includes an overview of the process used by DHCS to ensure that each MHP has provider networks with the ability to adequately serve the eligible beneficiaries for the 2021/2022 State Fiscal year. The report confirms that the MHPs meet all network certification requirements or have been deemed to meet the requirements.

MHPs that were unable to meet one or more standards for network certification have been deemed conditionally compliant and have a DHCS-approved temporary standard in place. The temporary standards will remain in effect and DHCS will continue enhanced monitoring, including the imposition of corrective action plans, until each MHP is fully compliant.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this summary, please contact Kamilah Holloway, Chief, Quality and Network Adequacy Oversight Branch, at Kamilah.Holloway@dhcs.ca.gov or (916) 809-4130.

Sincerely,
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