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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 & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved California's Access Assessment Design 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. The Access Assessment will include an investigation of the Managed Care Plans (MCP) network adequacy for managed care beneficiaries covered by the Knox-Keene Health Plan Service Act of 1975 (KKA) and existing Medi-Cal managed care contracts. As a one-time study, the Access Assessment will provide a broad, cross-sectional profile of both Medi-Cal and MCP provider networks as well as a comparison of network performance relative to established network standards and outcomes. A copy of the approved Access Assessment design is enclosed.

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,



Director
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Enclosures

cc: Henrietta Sam-Louie, ARA Region IX