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Dear Director Baass:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Whole Person Care (WPC) and California Children's Services (CCS) Interim Evaluation Reports, which are required by Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of California's section 1115 demonstration, "Medi-Cal 2020" (Project No: 11-W-00193/9), specifically STC #89 "Interim Evaluation Report." The WPC report, which was submitted on December 18, 2019 covers the demonstration period from January 2017 through December 2018. The CCS report, which was submitted on August 27, 2020 relies on qualitative data collected between October 2019 and May 2020. CMS determined that the WPC and CCS evaluation reports are complete and therefore approves the WPC Interim Evaluation Report and CCS Interim Evaluation Report.

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424 d(2), the approved evaluation reports may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days. CMS will also post the evaluation report on Medicaid.gov.

The WPC Interim Evaluation Report presented encouraging results and used strong quantitative and qualitative methodologies. There were some limitations including that the report assessed the WPC as a whole; however, the WPC Summative Evaluation Report contained more detail and analyses for the individual pilots. The CCS Interim Evaluation Report showed that good progress was made collecting qualitative data from key informants and parents/guardians; however, no conclusions were made based on the data available at the time of the interim evaluation. The CCS Summative Evaluation Report addressed these limitations by presenting results from the qualitative data in addition to the cost analysis and claims data analyses.

We look forward to continuing our partnership on the CalAIM section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,



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