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*THIS LETTER SENT VIA EMAIL*

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**CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION VACCINE  
ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT FINAL REPORT**

Dear Ms. Kristian:

As required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for California's section 1115(a) demonstration titled, "Medi-Cal 2020" (Project No. 11-W-00193/9), the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is officially submitting the final evaluation report related to the vaccine administration reimbursement amendment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The approved amendment issued permission for state payments to providers for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine for the following state plan limited-benefit populations from December 14, 2020, through March 10, 2021:

1. Individuals eligible for tuberculosis-related benefits, as described in sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XII) and 1902(z)(1);
2. Individuals eligible for the optional COVID-19 group, as described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII); and
3. Individuals eligible for family planning benefits under the Family Planning Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT) program, as described in sections 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXI) and 1902(ii).

The final evaluation report provides general background information; explains, in detail, DHCS' demonstration objectives; evaluation questions; methodology; methodological limitations; and DHCS' policy implications and interactions with other state initiatives.

For any additional information needed regarding the final evaluation report, please contact Amanda Font, Health Program Specialist I, Office of Compliance, by email at [Amanda.Font@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Amanda.Font@dhcs.ca.gov).

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