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Mari Cantwell, Chief Deputy Director
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Dear Ms. Cantwell:

On June 8, 2017, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a request for a Superior Systems Waiver (SSW) renewal, from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. This waiver renewal has been approved and is effective October 1, 2017.

The SSW renewal describes Fee-For-Service (FFS) utilization management in California hospitals for inpatient stays from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. The Superior Systems Waiver waives certain federal utilization review requirements for acute inpatient hospitalization and allows 75 percent federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement for monitoring and oversight using a combination of evidenced-based criteria, including InterQual and Milliman Care Guidelines (MCG) and prior authorization depending on the type of service, hospital type and health care coverage.

CMS appreciates DHCS' collaboration on this matter. We look forward to continuing our work on the SSW. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Creggett at (415) 744-3656 or kathleen.creggett@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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