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Dear Mr. Tsai:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Protocol for Massachusetts' section 1115 demonstration, entitled MassHealth (Project Number 11-W-00030/1). The Protocol sets forth guidelines for how the Commonwealth will operate Accountable Care Organizations (ACO), in addition to other DSRIP initiatives like statewide investments and community partners. This Protocol also lays out how ACOs and the Commonwealth will be financially at risk to performance on outcome measures.

Due to data timing constraints, measure specifications, benchmarks, baseline performance thresholds and improvement target goals are not finalized. CMS and Massachusetts have agreed to a timetable for state submission of this information. Massachusetts will send CMS the finalized ACO measure specifications for all measures by August 2017, which will allow DSRIP measure benchmarks to be finalized. In addition, the state will also send proposed benchmarks for varying types of measures at different times for review and approval. Massachusetts will not begin compensating providers based on measure achievement prior to this document being finalized.

Your project officer is Mr. Eli Greenfield, who may be reached at (410) 786-6157 and through e-mail at Eli.Greenfield@cms.hhs.gov. Communications regarding program matters and official correspondence concerning the demonstration should be submitted to Mr. Greenfield at the following address:

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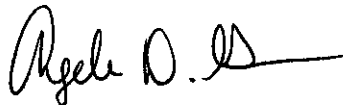
Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Greenfield and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office. Mr. McGreal's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Judith Cash, Acting Director of the State Demonstrations Group in the Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-9686.

CMS looks forward to continuing work with your staff on future developments within your demonstration.

Sincerely,



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