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## **State Demonstrations Group**

November 16, 2023

Mike Levine Secretary, MassHealth Office of Medicaid Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services 1 Ashburton Place, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1109 Boston, MA 02108

Dear Secretary Levine:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Evaluation Design for the Massachusetts section 1115 demonstration amendment entitled "Massachusetts COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Demonstration" (Project No: 11-W00355/1). We sincerely appreciate the Commonwealth's commitment to efficiently meeting the requirement for an Evaluation Design as was stipulated in the approval letter for this amendment dated May 8, 2023.

In accordance with 42 CFR 431.424(c), the approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the Commonwealth's Medicaid website within 30 days. CMS will also post the approved Evaluation Design on Medicaid.gov.

Consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, the draft Final Report will be due to CMS no later than one year after the end of this COVID-19 section 1115 demonstration authority.

We sincerely appreciate the Commonwealth's commitment to evaluating the COVID-19 PHE amendment under these extraordinary circumstances. We look forward to our continued partnership on the Massachusetts COVID-19 PHE Demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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