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Mr. Adam Goldman
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Dear Mr. Goldman,

Attached please find the State of New Hampshire's request for amendment to the Special Terms and Conditions for the "New Hampshire Building Capacity for Transformation" Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP) 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration waiver (Project #11-W-00301-1).

New Hampshire seeks to substitute three Designated State Health Programs (DSHPs), to be effective upon the date of approval of this amendment by CMS, for the Governor's Commission on Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Prevention and Treatment and Recovery DSHP. The three DSHPs for substitution are the Peer Support Services Program, Mobile Crisis Team/Apartments Program, and Behavioral Health Crisis Treatment Center.

The waiver amendment request is in compliance with the Special Terms and Conditions #7 and fulfills public notice and transparency requirements outlined in Special Terms and Conditions #15.

In New Hampshire, the demand for mental health and substance use disorder services is increasing. New Hampshire is experiencing one of the most significant public health crises in its history. The striking escalation of opiate use and opioid misuse over the last five years is impacting individuals, families, and communities throughout the state. The NH DSRIP Demonstration aims to transform the way physical and behavioral health care are delivered to Medicaid beneficiaries with behavioral health disorders, and/or substance use disorders (SUDs) (hereinafter "behavioral health disorders"). Specifically, the DSRIP Demonstration is working to improve health care quality, population health, and reduce avoidable hospital use, while lowering health care costs.

The State of New Hampshire appreciates your consideration of this amendment request and looks forward to working with CMS to accomplish these changes to maintain the opportunity for DSHP financing levels consistent with the demonstration waiver. Please reach out to Deputy Medicaid Director Deb Scheetz, deborah.scheetz@dhhs.nh.gov, (603) 271-9459, or me, with any questions and next steps.

Sincerely,

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