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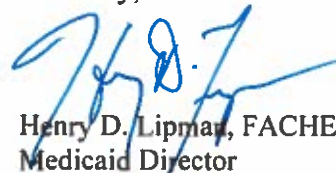
Dear Director Cash,

As part of a statewide effort to combat the ongoing opioid crisis, and in response to the nation's national public health emergency, the State of New Hampshire's application for a Section 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver, the "New Hampshire Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver," was posted on the Department's web site on Thursday, April 12, 2018 upon formal application submission, and transparently addresses, in the budget neutrality analysis included, an estimate of the expected increase or decrease in annual enrollment, and in annual aggregate expenditures over the term of demonstration, including historic enrollment and budgetary data as applicable.

New Hampshire is requesting that CMS allow public comments on budget neutrality be submitted coincident with the federal comment process commencing April 26, 2018 to leverage a streamlined approval process allowing for full transparency.

The State of New Hampshire appreciates CMS' partnership on this application to improve access to and the quality of residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



Henry D. Lipman, FACHE
Medicaid Director

cc: Timothy Hill, Acting Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Judith Cash, Director, State Demonstrations Group
Mr. Richard McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Boston Regional Office
Commissioner Jeffrey A. Meyers, NH Department of Health and Human Services

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Date: April 26, 2018

From: Judith A. Cash, Director
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To: Deb Scheetz, Deputy Medicaid Director, NH Department of Health & Human Services

Cc: Jeffrey Meyers, Commissioner, NH Department of Health & Human Services
Henry Lipman, Medicaid Director, NH Department of Health & Human Services
Richard R. McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Boston Regional Office

Re: NH Letter of Request Public Notice

Thanks, Deb, for your request. As permissible under the recently extended declaration of a public health emergency related to the nation's opioid epidemic, we will open a 30-day concurrent public comment period, as requested, from today through May 26, 2018. We will forward a link to New Hampshire's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment and Recovery Access section 1115(a) demonstration application on Medicaid.gov shortly—and we look forward to partnering with you and your staff to improve access to quality residential SUD treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries in your state.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Judith