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State Demonstrations Group

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Jenney Samuelson
Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
280 State Drive
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Dear Secretary Samuelson:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's existing COVID-19 Attachment K authorities that are currently in effect, under the state's demonstration entitled, "Vermont Global Commitment to Health (GCH)" (Project Number 11-W-00194/1). The temporary extension will allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the Caregiver Reimbursement Protocol (Attachment P) submitted on October 20, 2023 and November 6, 2023. The COVID-19 Attachment K authority will now expire March 29, 2024.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, attachments, waiver and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this authority. In addition, as applicable, the state is expected to accommodate the COVID-19 Attachment K authority in its demonstration monitoring and evaluation activities.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Rabia Khan, at Rabia.Khan1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gilson DaSilva, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group