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Dear Ms. Stephens:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of Texas's Evaluation Design, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the state's section 1115 demonstration "Healthy Texas Women" (Project Number: 11-W-00326/6), effective through December 31, 2024. CMS determined that the Evaluation Design, which was first submitted on May 19, 2020 and subsequently revised on November 4, 2021, meets the requirements set forth in the STCs, and therefore, approves the state's Healthy Texas Women Evaluation Design.

CMS added the approved Healthy Texas Women Evaluation Design to the demonstration's STCs as Attachment D. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. In accordance with 42 CFR § 431.424, the approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days. CMS will also post the approved Evaluation Design as a standalone document, separate from the STCs, on Medicaid.gov.

Please note that an Interim Evaluation Report, consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, is due to CMS on December 31, 2023. Additionally, if the state is seeking to extend the demonstration, the draft of the Interim Evaluation Report is to be included in the extension application. Likewise, a Summative Evaluation Report, consistent with this approved Evaluation Design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period. In accordance with 42 CFR § 431.428 and the STCs, we look forward to receiving updates on evaluation activities in the demonstration monitoring reports.

We appreciate our continued partnership with Texas to evaluate the Healthy Texas Women section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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