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Chris Traylor
Deputy Executive Commissioner, Office of Health Services
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
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Dear Mr. Traylor:

Thank you to you and your staff for your work on the Regional Health Partnership (RHP) Planning Protocol for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) pool, which is a component of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program." This RHP Planning Protocol describes the menu of projects that RHPs can select to achieve our shared goals of meaningful delivery system reform in Texas. We are writing to approve the State's latest revision of the RHP Planning Protocol, submitted September 21, 2012.

We look forward to continuing to work with the state and the Regional Health Partnerships (RHPs) in the development of region-wide transformation plans to achieve measurable improvements in the delivery of care to Medicaid beneficiaries and underserved populations. This menu includes a wide spectrum of evidence-based projects, and pursuant to our discussions and the special terms and conditions of the demonstration, RHPs will select projects that respond to priorities identified through the community needs assessment process. RHPs will also demonstrate a clear link between the projects that they are performing in Category 1 and 2 and the improvement targets that are set in Category 3.

A copy of the approved RHP Planning Protocol is enclosed with this letter. In accordance with special term and condition (STC) 45(d)(ii)(A) of the demonstration, this Protocol will become attachment I of the demonstration's STCs.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your assigned project officer, Mr. Robert Nelb. His contact information is as follows:

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We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that the investment we have made contributes to meaningful transformation of the health care delivery system within the Demonstration period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Wachino", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victoria Wachino
Director
Children's and Adults Health Programs Group

cc: Bill Brooks, ARA, CMS Dallas Regional Office

Enclosure