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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Mr. Brunssen:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the evaluation design for Nebraska's section 1115(a) demonstration entitled, "Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Program" (Project Number: 11-W-10025/7), and effective through June 30, 2024. We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to a rigorous evaluation of your demonstration.

CMS has added the approved evaluation design to the demonstration's Special Terms and Conditions (STC) as Attachment E. A copy of the STCs, which includes the new attachment, is enclosed with this letter. The approved evaluation design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days, per 42 CFR 431.424(c). 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 one year prior to the expiration of the demonstration, or at the time of the renewal application if the state chooses to extend the demonstration. Likewise, a summative evaluation report, consistent with this approved design, is due to CMS within 18 months of the end of the demonstration period.

We look forward to our continued partnership with you and your staff on the Nebraska Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Program. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. Shelby Higgins. Ms. Higgins may be reached by email at [Shelby.Higgins@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Shelby.Higgins@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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