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Tom Wallace
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Dear Tom Wallace,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Florida Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Program Summative Evaluation Report and accepts the state's submission. The Summative Evaluation Report covers the period from August 2017 through June 2020 and is required by the special terms and conditions (STC), specifically STC #111 "Summative Evaluation Report" of Florida's section 1115 demonstration, "Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Program" (Project No: 11-W-00206/4). The demonstration was approved on August 1, 2017, and was effective through January 15, 2021. The demonstration contains numerous policies including, beneficiary enrollment in managed care plans, customized benefits packages, a healthy behaviors incentive program, a low-income pool (LIP), waiver of retroactive eligibility, and additional behavior health services and supportive housing.

The Summative Evaluation Report addresses a wide range of hypotheses aligned with the demonstration's policies and presents informative, but not statistically significant findings about the MMA demonstration. The report identified descriptive improvements in various outcome measures including preventative care visits, comprehensive diabetes care, follow-up after hospitalizations for mental illness, and high-blood pressure control. Other preventative care measures including adolescent immunizations and timeliness of prenatal and post-partum care also showed improvements. However, the report also indicated a decrease in overall utilization of inpatient, outpatient and emergency department visits, and was associated with an increase in average beneficiary medical debt.

Furthermore, the report did not utilize all planned methodologies described in the CMS-approved Evaluation Design. For example, the state's Evaluation Design indicates the state would use a more robust evaluation methodology, a difference-in-differences approach, which the state believed infeasible to conduct due to how the state shifted to managed care. We look forward to collaborating with the state on its future Evaluation Reports, which we expect will more fully assess the demonstration and align with the approved Evaluation Design.

In accordance with STC #113, the approved Evaluation Report may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within 30 days. CMS will also post the Summative Evaluation Report on Medicaid.gov.

We look forward to our continued partnership on Florida's MMA section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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