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Dear Mr. Milburn:

**SUBJECT: Washington COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Section 1115(a)
Demonstration Amendment Acceptance Letter**

On May 10, 2023, the Washington State Health Care Authority received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the state's request for an amendment to the section 1115(a) demonstration, titled "Washington COVID-19 Public Health Emergency" section 1115(a) demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00345/0). Approval of this demonstration amendment will permit the state to deliver the most effective care to its beneficiaries in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). This amendment will allow the state to provide continuous coverage for individuals who aged out of CHIP during the PHE. This letter serves as Washington's official acknowledgement and acceptance of Special Terms and Conditions and expenditure authorities as set forth in the CMS approval letter.

We appreciate the hard work the CMS team put into reaching this amendment and look forward to continued collaboration with CMS as we pursue our shared vision through this amendment and beyond.

Should you have any questions or additional concerns, please feel free to contact me or anyone on our team. I can be reached via email at charissa.fotinos@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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