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## State Demonstrations Group

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Jami Snyder  
Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
801 East Jefferson Street  
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Dear Ms. Snyder:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Evaluation Design required in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE) amendment to Arizona's section 1115 demonstration titled, "Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)" (Project No. 11-W-00275/09). We sincerely appreciate the state's commitment to efficiently meeting the requirement of an Evaluation Design for the COVID-19 PHE demonstration amendment, as stated in the STCs, especially under these extraordinary circumstances.

The approved Evaluation Design may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within thirty days, per 42 CFR § 431.424(e). CMS will also post the approved Evaluation Design on Medicaid.gov.

The COVID-19 PHE demonstration amendment is effective through the date that is sixty calendar days after the PHE expires. In accordance with the STCs, a Final Report, consistent with the approved Evaluation Design, is due to CMS one year after the end of the COVID-19 section 1115 demonstration authority.

We look forward to our continued partnership with you and your staff on Arizona's AHCCCS section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. Kelsey Smyth, who may be reached by email at [Kelsey.Smyth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Smyth@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Director  
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cc: Brian Zolynas, State Monitoring Lead, CMS Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group