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Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
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Dear Director Tidball-Zeltinger:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed its review of the Summative Evaluation Report, which is required by the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), specifically STC #33 “Summative Evaluation Report” of the state’s section 1115 demonstration, “South Dakota Former Foster Care Youth” (Project No: 11-W-00319/8). The demonstration was approved on April 30, 2018 for a period of performance of May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2023, and subsequently temporarily extended through October 31, 2023. This Summative Evaluation Report covers the period from May 2018 through April 2023. CMS determined that the Evaluation Report, submitted on December 4, 2023, is in alignment with the CMS-approved Evaluation Design and the requirements set forth in the STCs, and therefore, approves the state’s Summative Evaluation Report.

Despite limitations of a small sample size and the use of mainly descriptive statistics, there are several important findings from this report. The Summative Evaluation Report indicated the demonstration provided continued coverage for eligible former foster care youth as intended, and these individuals were able to access care. However, the state was unable to conduct analyses for health outcomes due to the number of individuals in the demonstration. We look forward to future analysis that will come as the state continues to refine the program during the current demonstration period.

In accordance with STC #36 “Public Access,” 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 the South Dakota Former Foster Care Youth section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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