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Ms. Nancy V. Atkins, Commissioner  
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Department of Health & Human Resources  
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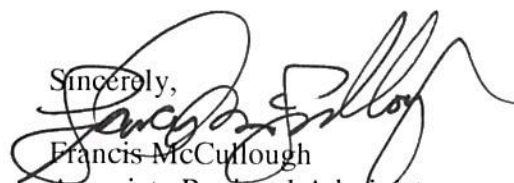
Dear Ms. Atkins:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves West Virginia's request to renew the Mountain Health Trust waiver program (WV-05.R08.00) which includes the Physician Assured Access System (PAAS), the primary care case management program, and the full-risk managed care organization (MCO) program authorized under Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The State is granted ongoing waivers of Sections 1902(a)(10)(B) (Comparability of Services), and 1902(a)(23) (Freedom of Choice).

After extensive analysis and review of your waiver submission, CMS approves your request for the period effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. Approval of this waiver request is in accordance with the requirement that the program has met statutory and regulatory requirements for access to care and quality of services; and will continue to be a cost-effective means of providing health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries residing in West Virginia. As a reminder, CMS should receive any request to renew this waiver no later than April 1, 2016. Please note: CMS noticed a 13% drop in State Plan, Fee-For-Service and Administrative costs in waiver year R2. We will monitor these costs during the upcoming waiver period and a cost effectiveness amendment may be required if these costs exceed current projections.

The CMS also approves West Virginia's request to enroll SSI-eligible beneficiaries (excluding dual eligibles, those in residential settings, and those enrolled in the HCBS waiver programs) into MCOs in this waiver period. West Virginia is to provide to CMS an implementation plan and a phase-in schedule, along with, outreach materials and network documentation once a transition date is confirmed. Additionally, CMS approves the service area expansion for The Health Plan of the Upper Ohio Valley (THP) MCO into 13 additional counties: Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Logan, Mason, Mineral, Mingo, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Raleigh, and Summers Counties.

We wish you success in the continued operation of the Mountain Health Trust waiver program. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Cleary in the CMS Philadelphia Regional Office at (215) 861-4282.

Sincerely,  
  
Francis McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator