



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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Mr. Andrew M. Slavitt
Acting Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Slavitt:

In accordance with the General Program Requirements set forth in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of Pennsylvania's approved *Healthy Pennsylvania* five-year Medicaid section 1115(a) demonstration waiver (Project Number 11-W-00295/3), I am writing to advise you that Pennsylvania intends to terminate the *Healthy Pennsylvania* 1115 (a) demonstration waiver by September 30, 2015. Governor Tom Wolf has announced his intent that Pennsylvania transition from the *Healthy Pennsylvania* plan to a traditional Medicaid expansion, as provided for under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) (Pub. L. No. 111-148).

The *Healthy Pennsylvania* plan included three Medicaid adult benefit plans, the low-risk "Healthy" plan, the high-risk "Healthy Plus" plan, and the Private Coverage Option plan. On February 9, 2015, the Department of Human Services (DHS) withdrew State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number (TN) PA-14-0045 which reflected the proposed Medicaid low-risk or "Healthy" benefit plan. On February 18, 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services acknowledged and confirmed DHS' withdrawal of PA-14-0045. As part of the transition to a traditional Medicaid expansion, DHS will consolidate the three adult benefit plans established under *Healthy Pennsylvania* into one Medicaid adult benefit package. This benefit package will provide coverage for all adults 21 years of age and older.

DHS will use a phase-in approach to provide for the single adult benefit package and to implement the traditional Medicaid expansion. Enclosed is a copy of our demonstration phase-out plan that has been posted to our website at www.HealthChoicespa.com. The transition plan will be posted for public review and comment in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 20, 2015.

We thank you for your work with us over the past several months to discuss and finalize Pennsylvania's Medicaid expansion transition. We look forward to our continued partnership as we proceed with implementation of a traditional Medicaid

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expansion in Pennsylvania. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leesa Allen, Executive Medicaid Director, at (717) 787-2600.

Sincerely,



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Acting Secretary of Human Services

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