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**State Demonstrations Group**

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Mr. Jason Helgerson  
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Dear Mr. Helgerson:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the state's value based purchasing (VBP) "roadmap" that was required in accordance with New York's section 1115 demonstration, Partnership Plan (Project No. 1 I-W-00114/2). The roadmap provides a path forward for payment reform as part of New York's delivery system reform efforts and serves as one of several methods to help support financial sustainability of the state's Medicaid program.

Given the need to ensure the VBP roadmap continues to align with the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, CMS requires the state to update the VBP roadmap at least annually. In the next update, CMS requests that the state include a strategy to work toward an alternative payment model that includes both upside and downside risk for providers. We look forward to having conversations with you regarding your approach.

Your project officer, Deborah Steinbach, can be reached by phone at (410) 786-7404, or by e-mail at [Deborah.Steinbach@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Deborah.Steinbach@cms.hhs.gov), should you need to contact her. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on your 1115 demonstration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eliot Fishman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eliot Fishman  
Director