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Acting Secretary**

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Andrea J. Casart
Director
Division of Medicaid Expansion Demonstrations
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services

Dear Director Casart:

This letter shall serve as notification of the termination of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's section 1115 demonstration project, entitled "Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health" (KY HEALTH) (Project Number 11-W-00306/4 and 21-W-00067/4) that the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) approved on January 12, 2018, and the Kentucky HEALTH program that the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services approved on November 20, 2018 as a component the previously-referenced demonstration project. Termination of the demonstration project known as Kentucky HEALTH is necessary for the health and welfare of Kentuckians, to ensure robust health care coverage continues for Kentuckians. Termination of the demonstration project is also necessary to prevent any budgetary shortfall that would be detrimental to the fiscal security of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As you know, on March 27, 2019, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia vacated the approval of the demonstration project known as Kentucky HEALTH, before the April 1, 2019 effective date of the demonstration project. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is no longer challenging that ruling. Therefore, the "Demonstration Phase Out" provisions of the Kentucky HEALTH Demonstration Approval and Standard Terms and Conditions does not apply to this notification of termination of the demonstration project known as Kentucky HEALTH, because a transition and phase-out plan is not necessary for a project that never became effective and was never implemented.

Please confirm receipt of this notification of termination. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric Friedlander
Acting Secretary

Stephanie Bates
Medicaid, Acting Commissioner

cc: Shantrina D. Roberts, Deputy Director, Division of Medicaid Field Operations South