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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Strohecker:

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 92 “Summative Evaluation Report” of the state’s section 1115 demonstration, “Utah Primary Care Network” (Project Nos: 11-W00145/8 and 21-W-00054/8). This report covers the demonstration period from November 2017 through June 2022. CMS determined that the evaluation report, submitted on March 31, 2024 and revised on July 16, 2024 is in alignment with the approved evaluation design and the requirements set forth in the STCs, and therefore, approves the state’s Summative Evaluation Report.

The report presents many evaluation findings, but key results can be categorized into the following four domains. One, implementation of the demonstration was associated with improved self-reported access to health care across multiple target populations. In comparison to other states, following implementation of the demonstration, Utahns became more likely to report having a personal doctor or usual source of care, had a primary care appointment in the past year, and had a preventive care screening. Utahns also increasingly reported receiving mental health services and reduced unmet needs for SUD treatment. Two, most demonstration target populations experienced improved health outcomes. Both the Adult Expansion and the Targeted Adult Medicaid populations experienced declines in acute care utilization. Three, enrollment for all three dental populations grew over the course of the demonstration. Four, results on other measures of utilization and engagement were mixed. For example, the Adult Expansion population experienced increases in measures of anti-depression medication management and follow-up after psychiatric hospitalization, but no change in the use of ambulatory care or chronic disease management. We look forward to future analysis as the state continues to refine demonstration programs during the current approval period.

In accordance with STC 94, the approved evaluation report may now be posted to the state's Medicaid website within 30 days. CMS will also post the evaluation report on Medicaid.gov.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the Utah Medicaid Reform section 1115 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS demonstration team.

Sincerely,

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