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RE: Renewal of Washington 1915(b) Integrated Mental Health Waiver, WA 0008.R09.00

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Washington's request to renew the 1915(b) Integrated Community Mental Health Waiver (Waiver). The purpose of the Waiver is to provide mental health services to Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the access to care standards in the Waiver. This Waiver renewal has been assigned control number WA 0008.R09.00, which should be used in all future correspondence related to this Waiver.

Our decision is based on the evidence submitted to CMS demonstrating that the state's renewal request is consistent with the purpose of the Medicaid program. The Federal Review Team has determined that the Waiver has met all of the statutory and regulatory requirements for assuring beneficiaries' access to care and quality of services.

The Waiver is authorized under Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act (Act) and provides for waivers of the following sections of Title XIX of the Act:

- Section 1902(a)(10)(B) Comparability of Services
- Section 1902(a)(23) Freedom of Choice
- Section 1902(a)(4) Mandate beneficiaries into a single PIHP and restrict disenrollment.

The Waiver approval is effective for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2016. If the state wishes to make any alterations to the populations or services that have been approved under this Waiver, an amendment must be submitted to CMS for approval. Washington's request to renew this Waiver must be submitted to CMS no later than July 31, 2016.

Thank you for the cooperation of your staff in the review of this waiver renewal. If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact me, or have your staff contact Gary Ashby at 206-615-2333 or Gary.Ashby@cms.hhs.gov or Carla Howard in our Baltimore Office at 410-786-6409 or Carla.Howard@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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