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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy:

Pursuant to the terms of the New York State Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Waiver (11-W-00114/2), New York State ("New York" or the "State") submits the enclosed proposal requesting a five-year extension of the MRT demonstration to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for its approval.

This extension builds on nearly three decades of successful demonstration experience, during which New York has used its Section 1115(a) authority to improve quality of care, and reduce overall healthcare costs. New York accomplished these goals by modernizing service delivery; integrating physical health, behavioral health, and long-term care services and supports; providing evidence-based services that address upstream drivers of health; and advancing system-wide program integrity and accountability controls. Since health-related social need (HRSN) services launched statewide in 2025, more than 1.5 million Medicaid members have been screened for unmet health-related social needs. New York has made significant progress toward achieving the expected waiver outcomes while maintaining federal budget neutrality. However, because the HRSN initiative is still in its early years, additional time is needed to see the full impact on health outcomes and long-term cost trends, which will continue to be evaluated over the life of this extension.

New York remains committed to and will continue working with CMS on its pending amendments for the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) and Pre-Release Services for Incarcerated Individuals.

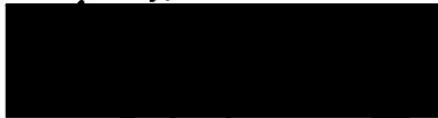
New York State has fully complied with federal transparency requirements in preparation for formally submitting this waiver extension proposal. The State transmitted tribal and public notices referencing the preliminary proposal draft (July 8, 2026), conducted an in-person public hearing with live webcast (July 31, 2026) and a virtual public hearing (August 11, 2026), and received over 190 comments. The State's engagement with stakeholders informed the structure

and substance of this submission, and the comments received are addressed in the attached extension application.

Consistent with CMS's June 2026 State Medicaid Director Letter on budget neutrality methodology (SMD #26-003), New York will continue to work closely with CMS to ensure compliance as part of this submission.

The partnership between CMS and New York State continues to be important to the success of the 1115 MRT Waiver. We look forward to our continued collaboration. If you have any questions, please contact Amir Bassiri, New York's Medicaid Director, at (518) 474-3018.

Sincerely,



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