



State Demonstrations Group

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Jason Helgerson
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New York State Department of Health
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Dear Mr. Helgerson:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has made a determination for granting a vital access provider (VAP) exception under New York's delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) program. CMS is making a final safety-net provider determination for Catholic Medical Partners Independent Practice Association (CMP IPA). CMS made this determination based on CMP IPA's role as the majority provider entity within the Sisters of Charity Provider Performing System (PPS). A VAP exception is necessary to ensure capacity to serve the Medicaid population within the PPS.

DSRIP participation as a safety net provider is contingent upon New York's assurance that the PPS consist of all safety net providers, that non-qualifying providers will not be added to the PPS without applying for another VAP exception, and that non-qualifying providers are eligible to receive DSRIP payments totaling no more than 5 percent of a project's total valuation. New York also assures that CMP IPA will not become a source for Inter-Governmental Transfer (IGT) in order to receive funding from the Public Hospital Transformation Fund and will only be awarded with DSRIP project funding from the Safety Net Performance Provider System Transformation Fund.

Your project officer, Deborah Steinbach, can be reached by phone at (410) 786-7404, or by e-mail at 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 black ink, appearing to read "Angela D. Garner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Angela D. Garner
Director, Division of System Reform Demonstrations

Cc: Michael Melendez, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS New York