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TO: The Honorable Larry Hogan, Governor of Maryland
Dennis Schrader, Acting Secretary, Maryland Department of Health
Adam Kane, Chairman, Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission

DATE: March 17, 2021

RE: Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy Proposal

Governor Hogan,

I am very pleased to approve the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy (SIHIS) submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 14, 2020. CMS finds the proposal satisfies all requirements in accordance with Section III of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and State of Maryland.

CMS continues to view the SIHIS, and related improvements in quality and population health, as a fundamental component of the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model. We recognize the work that went into the development of this proposal, in the midst of an unprecedented public health emergency, and appreciate the State's thoughtful and inclusive approach to stakeholder engagement, and efforts to build on and refine the successes of the Maryland All Payer Model and Maryland Total Cost of Care Model.

We look forward to our continued partnership in working to reduce disparities in health and improve the health of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Liz Fowler
Deputy Administrator and Director
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
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cc: Katie Wunderlich