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Ms. Nancy V. Atkins, Commissioner  
Bureau for Medical Services  
Department of Health & Human Resources  
350 Capitol Street, Room 251  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3706

Dear Ms. Atkins:

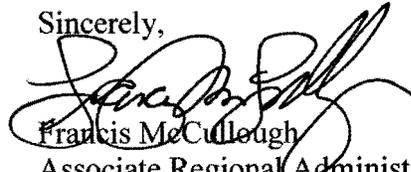
I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving West Virginia's request to renew the Mountain Health Trust Managed Care waiver program (WV 05.R07) authorized under Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act). The State is granted ongoing waivers of Sections 1902(a)(10)(B) (Comparability of Services), and 1902(a)(23) (Freedom of Choice).

The CMS is approving your request for the period effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Approval of this waiver request is in accordance with the requirement that the program has met statutory and regulatory requirements for access to care and quality of services; and will continue to be a cost-effective means of providing health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries residing in West Virginia. This waiver is for the Mountain Health Trust program, which includes West Virginia's Physician Assured Access System (PAAS), the State's primary care case management program, and the full-risk Managed Care Organization (MCO) program. As a reminder, we should receive any request to renew this waiver no later than April 1, 2014.

The approval includes the expansion of the enrollment of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and SSI-related beneficiaries into MCOs, which is scheduled to begin December 1, 2012; and approval for West Virginia to add pharmacy services to the MCO benefit package for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and SSI populations.

We wish you success in the continued operation of this waiver program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Irving in the CMS Philadelphia Regional Office at (215) 861-4275 or Daniel McCarthy in the CMS Central Office at (410) 786-2079.

Sincerely,

  
Francis McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator

cc: Ms. Brandy Pierce, WV BMS