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RE: New Mexico Centennial Care, Section 1115 Waiver Demonstration- 11-W-00285/6

Dear Paul:

The Section 1115 Waiver Demonstration Program, Annual Report, for the reporting period, January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, for the New Mexico Centennial Care program initiative, 11-W-00285/6, is submitted with this correspondence for your review and approval.

Our State is pleased with the overall progress evidenced through the implementation and activities of the Centennial Care Program. In its inaugural year, New Mexico Medicaid recipients have benefitted from a more integrated Medicaid program, as afforded by Centennial Care.

Highlighting this first year, more than 400,000 unique Centennial Care members successfully transitioned to the program. Additional notable accomplishments from the initial year include the following:

- New behavioral health care benefits of peer support specialists for recovery and family support and respite services for family caring for youth with serious emotional disturbances;
- Establishment of care coordination services that differentiate the varying intensity/acuity of recipient needs;
- Increased access to community-based long-term services and supports;
- Utilization of one-on-one community interveners assisting recipients with hearing and vision impairment challenges, with services for greater self-directed independent living;
- A new member rewards program designed to encourage individuals in becoming more active participants in their healthcare;
- Maximizing scopes of practice for certain provider types, to include parameters for non-independent clinical mental health practitioners;
- Expanded community health workforce and training;
- Expansion of telemedicine to increase access to rural and frontier populations; and
- On-line capacity for streamlining the screening and electronic submission of the Medicaid eligibility application process.

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It is hoped that this annual report provides you with useful and detailed information on the on-going progress of the Centennial Care waiver program. Should you have any questions, please contact Ellen Costilla at (505) 827-3180 or Ellen.Costilla@state.nm.us.

Thank you for your assistance and partnership with our state's administration of the NM Centennial Care 1115 Demonstration Waiver Program.

Sincerely,



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