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Patrick Zarate, Chief Operations Officer
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Dear Mr. Zarate:

Congratulations! The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Division has reviewed and approved the Drug Medical Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver Implementation plan submitted by Ventura county and forwarded it to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for review. DHCS' approval of the Ventura county's Implementation Plan does not authorize the reimbursement of DMC-ODS services. DMC-ODS services are only reimbursable after CMS approves both the Implementation Plan and the executed state and county contract.

Although your county's DMC-ODS Waiver Implementation Plan has been approved by DHCS and forwarded to CMS for review, it is your county's responsibility to comply with all components as specified for DMC-ODS in the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for California's section 1115(a) demonstration, entitled "California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration" (11-W-00193/9). Additionally, it is required that your county submit proposed interim rates for DHCS review. Once the rates have been approved by DHCS, please submit your executed state and county contract to DHCS. DMC-ODS services cannot be rendered nor reimbursed until CMS approves both the Implementation Plan and the executed state and county contract.

DHCS applauds the work your county has put forward under this demonstration to redesign substance use disorders for individuals suffering from this disease. We look forward to our continued partnership in this effort. If you have questions, please contact Crystal Sanchez at (916) 327-3010 or via email at Crystal.Sanchez@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

MARLIES PEREZ
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Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division