June 27, 2018

Dennis Schrader
Medicaid Director
State of Maryland Health Care Financing
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Schrader:

I am pleased to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your application to renew the State of Maryland’s Community Pathways Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. This waiver renewal carries CMS Control #0023.R07.00. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence regarding this waiver amendment.

This renewal enhances services and supports for individuals and families; updates provider and staff qualification standards with national standards; reflects new rates and payment methods; and provides new opportunities for participants to work toward self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life across their lifespans.

Specifically, the Community Pathways Waiver renewal application includes (1) the introduction of new services; (2) revisions to service descriptions, requirements, limitations, and provider qualifications; (3) transition of some supports to another or new waiver services; (4) transition to new units, rates, and payment methodology (e.g. daily to hourly, monthly, and milestones); and (5) revisions to self-directed services covered under the employer and budget authorities.

Estimated expenditures demonstrate that the waiver will remain cost neutral for each waiver year, as reflected in the estimates below. The effective date of this renewal is July 1, 2018.
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We wish you every success as you continue to implement this waiver program. If you have any further questions regarding this renewal, please contact Alice Robinson Penn at 215-861-4261 or by email at Alice.RobinsonPenn@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Francis T. McCullough
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health Operations

Enclosure

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    Sabrina Tillman-Boyd, DMCHO