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Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Director Brooks-LaSure,

On February 13, 2024, the Oregon Health Authority received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the state's request for a new five-year demonstration project (No. 11-W-00380/10) entitled "Oregon Project Independence - Medicaid (OPI-M)." Approval was granted in accordance with Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for the period of February 13, 2024, through January 31, 2029, providing limited long-term services and supports for older adults and people with physical disabilities in Oregon to maintain their independence and quality of life in their own homes.

This letter serves as Oregon's official acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the demonstration waiver authorities, Special Terms and Conditions, and expenditure authorities as set forth in the CMS approval letter.

Over the next five years, the Oregon Project Independence - Medicaid demonstration will create a wide array of services and supports for older adults and people with physical disabilities to stay in their own home, and to provide supports for those receiving assistance from unpaid caregivers. These services and supports will be available to individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living but do not meet the Medicaid nursing facility level of care, but who are at risk of needing Medicaid long term services and supports. The OPI-M demonstration will provide supports for older adults and people with disabilities who did not have access to these limited benefits previously.

We appreciate the hard work and collaboration with the CMS team in reaching this agreement, and we look forward to continuing the work to build this program that will

serve more older adults and people with physical disabilities with previously unmet needs. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jane-
Ellen Weidanz at 503-602-8399 or by email at jane-ellen.weidanz@odhs.oregon.gov.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Vivian Levy

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Oregon Health Authority