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TO: Robert Neall, Secretary of Health  
Katie Wunderlich, Executive Director HSCRC

DATE: July 17, 2019

RE: **Outcome-Based Credit Methodology on Diabetes Incidence**

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Maryland Department of Health and the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) (hereinafter “the State”) that CMS has approved the outcome-based credit methodology on diabetes incidence entitled ‘Diabetes Outcomes-Based Credit Methodology under the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model’ dated May 2, 2019. CMS finds that the proposed methodology satisfies all requirements in accordance with Section 7.a. of the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model State Agreement (“State Agreement”). This methodology fulfills one of the minimum of three outcome-based credit methodologies that the State must propose in accordance with the State Agreement.

In accordance with Section 7.b. of the State Agreement, beginning in 2019 then annually through 2026, the State may submit to CMS a proposal for the diabetes incidence outcome-based credit to be applied to the Annual Medicare Savings for the Model Year in which the proposal is submitted.

CMS looks forward to reviewing future outcomes-based credit methodologies as part of the State’s efforts to improve population health under the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Alley", written over a horizontal line.

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