

Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services Virks Building, 3 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920

April 12, 2024

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure Administrator Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Re: Rhode Island: FY 2024 Q4 HCBS E-FMAP Quarterly Spending Plan

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Medicaid program submits for your review our ARPA HCBS E-FMAP Quarterly Spending Plan for the second quarter of FY 2024. The state has no substantive project changes since submitting the FY 2024 Q3 narrative; however, there are a handful of funding allocation changes highlighted in yellow in the attached workbook (column E.) Changes generally reflect project spending projections and updates based on the state's ability to draw down match for approved activities. Below are descriptions for notable changes:

No Wrong Door Enhancement

Funding for "Implementation Assistance" and "Person-Centered Options Counseling Network Expansion" have been combined in the expenditure document as the same vendors supported both projects. Combined, total funding remains unchanged and is not expected to impact the narrative descriptions of the individual projects.

Additionally, the total funding allocation for the "Updating Technology" project has been reduced to reflect only the state's share of expenses. This project received an enhanced federal match [90 percent federal/10 percent state] under an approved IAPD. The federal share for this project has been shifted to the state's account for this specific IAPD to be consistent with CMS-64 quarterly reports.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pono Sousa

Medicaid Program Director, RI EOHHS

Enclosures: Rhode Island FY 2024 Q4 HCBS E-FMAP Quarterly Spending Plan

