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Dear Dr. Mohr Peterson:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving Hawaii's health related social needs (HRSN) and designated state health program (DSHP) related *Provider Payment Rate Increase Attestation Table*, submitted per section 13 of the special terms and conditions (STCs) of the demonstration entitled, "Hawaii QUEST Integration" (Project Number 11-W-00001/9). CMS published guidance under the current administration discussing specific demonstration proposals for DSHP that the agency does not anticipate approving, renewing, or extending in the future, and rescinded the November 2023 and December 2024 CMCS Center Information Bulletins (CIB) related to coverage of certain services and supports to address "health-related social needs" while CMS evaluates policy options consistent with Medicaid and CHIP program requirements and objectives. Additional information is available on [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov).

On April 7, 2025, Hawaii provided CMS documentation and attested that its Medicaid provider payment rates are equal to Medicare rates for the primary care, obstetric care, and behavioral health service categories across both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems.

CMS accepts the state's submitted documentation indicating that its average provider payment levels in the three service categories exceed 80 percent of Medicare rates. CMS expects that the state must at least sustain rates for the three service categories at existing levels for the remainder of the demonstration period. The state's attestation table is included in the enclosure and will be incorporated into the STCs as Attachment P.

If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Jamie John, at [Jamie.John@cms.gov](mailto:Jamie.John@cms.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Sasha Zolynas, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group