

Attachment 2.a. Email from CMS to State Administrator Introducing RTI Evaluation

To: Director State Medicaid Agency/Director Single State Agency for Substance Abuse
CC: RTI SUD Team Lead
Subject: RTI International Evaluation of Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstrations

Dear [DIRECTOR STATE MEDICIAD AGENCY][DIRECTOR SINGLE STATE AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE],

On [DATE], the State of [STATE] received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement a section 1115 substance use disorder (SUD) demonstration. States with section 1115 SUD demonstrations are required to conduct independent evaluations of their demonstrations and report monitoring data regularly. To complement individual state evaluations and monitoring, the CMS has contracted with RTI International to conduct a meta-evaluation of SUD demonstrations. This evaluation will look across states with SUD demonstrations to understand the demonstrations' effectiveness, and how variations in state demonstration features and the context in which demonstrations are implemented lead to differences in effectiveness. CMS is requesting that you participate in the activities described below to support the meta-evaluation.

This interview is an in-depth discussion of your demonstration implementation experiences, challenges, and programmatic changes and will take no more than 90 minutes.

RTI recognizes states are facing unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 and will work to minimize burden on you, including being flexible in scheduling interviews and will allow you to choose the date and time that best fits your schedule.

The calls will be conducted from [DATE RANGE]. We appreciate your participation in this important evaluation. Please contact me at [INSERT CMS PHONE NUMBER] if you have questions.

Thank you,

[NAME OF CMS PROJECT OFFICER]