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Subject: Additional information concerning Kansas' initial spending plan to implement Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Ms. Bowdoin,

This letter responds to your September 30, 2021, letter seeking additional information about certain portions of Kansas' initial spending plan for Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act. Included with this letter is Kansas' revised Executive Summary, which includes responses to CMS' questions, as well as a revised Spending Plan to reflect the removal of two items. Specifically, Kansas has removed \$1,095,000 in one-time implementation costs and ongoing license costs for the Pondera fraud and abuse software solution; the state has identified other funding sources for those items.

Please direct any additional questions to me at sarah.fertig@ks.gov. Kansas looks forward to working with the CMS team to secure approval of the state's initial plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Fertig". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sarah Fertig
State Medicaid Director

Cc: Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Laura Howard, Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services