

**Attachment 6.a. Follow-up SMI/SED Demonstration Implementation Interview
Introductory Email from CMS to State Medicaid Director and Director of the Single State
Agency for Mental Health**

To: Director State Medicaid Agency and Director of the Single State Agency for Mental Health

CC: RTI SMI Team Lead

Subject: RTI International Evaluation of Section 1115 Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance Demonstrations

Dear [State Medicaid Director and Director of the Single State Agency for Mental Health],

In [MONTH YEAR], your state participated in an interview with RTI International to provide insights into your state's serious mental illness/serious emotional disturbance (SMI/SED) demonstration implementation. As part of the ongoing meta-evaluation of SMI/SED demonstrations, RTI will be conducting follow-up virtual interviews with states to learn how the implementation of your SMI/SED demonstration unfolded and plans for sustainability. CMS is requesting that you participate in the activities described below to support the meta-evaluation.

As part of the follow-up interview process, RTI will conduct a telephone interview with the state's section 1115 SMI/SED demonstration lead. The interview with RTI will cover demonstration program features, implementation of the demonstration, challenges and facilitators to implementation, the impacts of other state initiatives on the demonstration, lessons learned, and plans for sustainability. We expect this interview will take no more than 60 minutes.

RTI will follow up with you via email to schedule a time for the virtual interview. 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]