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Dear Director Mann:

In my capacity as Medicaid Director for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am writing to formally accept your approval of two extension requests via the MassHealth demonstration (project number 11-W-00030/1) under section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, as described in the approval letter from CMS dated March 31, 2014.

Massachusetts greatly appreciates CMS' collaboration in ensuring that no resident of the Commonwealth will experience gaps in coverage as we work to develop and implement our new eligibility system. The extension of these expenditure authorities provides us with the necessary resources as we work to implement a fully functioning system. With CMS' support, we have maintained coverage for residents previously covered under MassHealth's 1115 demonstration and have extended access to health care coverage to hundreds of thousands of new applicants. We will continue to work diligently both to improve the system and to ensure that Massachusetts residents have access to the health care they need.

We thank you for your approval of our waiver requests and look forward to working with you as we continue to implement health reform across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

  
Kristin Thorn

cc: Robin Callahan, Massachusetts Deputy Medicaid Director for Policy and Programs  
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