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Ms. Cynthia Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
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Dear Ms. Mann:

New York is seeking further amendments to our Section 1115 waiver programs (The Partnership Plan, 11-W-00114/2 and F-SHRP, 11-W-11234/2). These amendments are necessary to implement initiatives related to the Affordable Care Act. The State proposes to use the waiver amendment to phase-out New York's Family Health Plus program, simplify enrollment through Express Lane Eligibility, modify waiver authority to provide coverage to single and childless adults through the Medicaid State Plan, and institute Twelve Month Continuous Coverage for enrollees using Modified Adjusted Gross Income.

The attached document outlines the plan to ensure coverage options for current enrollees of Family Health Plus who will be impacted by the phase-out of their current health insurance program. Additionally, other changes necessary to the waivers are outlined in order to maximize coverage and meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. In order to implement the proposals in a timely manner, we are requesting your expedited review of the waiver amendment request. In the interest of saving time, the Tribal notice was mailed on July 15, 2013 and the Public notice will be published on July 31, 2013. Any comments received will be provided to your office. Additionally, information regarding the budget neutrality agreement is forthcoming. My staff will be available to discuss the individual proposals at your convenience. We appreciate the anticipated cooperation and assistance of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

We look forward to working with you to finalize the Special Terms and Conditions so that New York State can move forward with implementing programmatic changes that are critical to a seamless transition to expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid Director
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