

January 9, 2017

Stephanie McGree Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36103-5624

Dear Ms. Azar:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Alabama's request to amend its section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration, entitled "Alabama Medicaid Transformation" (Project Number 11-W-00299/4). With this amendment request, the state seeks to delay start of the demonstration for one year to allow for the full transition from fee-for-service to managed care under new locally administered provider-based Regional Care Organizations by October 1, 2017; instead of the originally scheduled implementation date of October 1, 2016.

After completing a preliminary review of your amendment application, CMS has determined that the state's application is complete. Alabama's amendment application will be posted on Medicaid.gov and the comment period will last 30 days as outlined in 42 C.F.R §431.416(b). The state's amendment request will be available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your team on this amendment request. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your technical director, Linda Macdonald at (410) 786-3872, or by email at Linda.MacDonald@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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