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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Stephanie Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
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Dear Ms. Azar:

With this letter, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a temporary extension of Alabama's Plan First! (Project No. 11-W-00133/4) demonstration until December 31, 2014. The demonstration is currently operating under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. The current lists of waiver and expenditure authorities and special terms and conditions will continue to apply to the Plan First! demonstration until December 31, 2014.

As you know, starting January 1, 2014, eligibility for Medicaid for most individuals will be determined using methodologies that are based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI). This requirement applies to eligibility for family planning section 1115 demonstrations. In addition, starting October 1, 2013, states are also required to make available a single, streamlined application for MAGI-based eligibility.

We understand that there are special attributes of this demonstration to consider when deciding how to integrate family planning eligibility into the state's MAGI eligibility rules and the single, streamlined application process. Should you need additional time to integrate these features into your family planning section 1115 demonstration, CMS requests that you use the standard process of requesting acceptable mitigations. Your project officer, Shanna Wiley, with the Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, is available to work with you to determine the appropriate approach for your state if you are not able to integrate these features into your family planning 1115 demonstration by January 1, 2014. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Wiley at (410) 786-1370 or at shanna.wiley@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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