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Dr. Andrew Allison
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Dear Dr. Allison,

Recognizing that you and your staff are beginning to plan for the future of the Arkansas Safety Net Benefit Program section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00214/6 and Project No. 21-W-0051/6), which is set to expire on December 31, 2013, we wanted to clarify the timeframes in which the state may submit a request to extend its demonstration. The state's approved Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) do not specify the timeframe in which a request for extension of your demonstration be submitted to CMS for consideration; therefore, submission of an extension request, under applicable regulations at 42 C.F.R. §431.412(c), is required 6 months prior to the expiration date.

In order to give CMS and the state sufficient time for review and consideration of the demonstration extension, as well as an opportunity for the federal comment period, we request that you submit your extension request no later than the June 30, 2013 due date. You are also welcome to submit your extension request at any earlier point.

Assistance in developing your extension request as well as evaluating and planning which 1115 authorities may extend beyond 2013 is available through the State Operational Technical Assistance process, as well as through your project officer. If you have questions with respect to this letter, or on your demonstration, including the possibility of an extension, please feel free to contact me or Angela Garner, Deputy Director, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers at (410) 786-1074. My staff and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

/Victoria Wachino/

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