

Children and Adults Health Programs Group

January 30, 2015

Dawn Stehle Director, Division of Medical Services State of Arkansas, Department of Human Services 112 West 8th Street, Slot S401 Little Rock, AR 72201-4608

Dear Ms. Stehle:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a temporary extension of Arkansas' Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA)-like section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00163/6). The temporary extension is effective through February 28, 2015.

The extension period will give CMS and Arkansas the opportunity to have more detailed discussions of the issues involved in the longer extension of the demonstration. For example, there would be more time to engage in discussion related to the impact of third party liability on demonstration enrollees. The demonstration will continue to operate under the current Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and waiver and expenditure authorities. The per-member-per-month (PMPM) costs approved for the last demonstration year will be used to determine budget neutrality through this extension period.

Your project officer, Jessica Woodard, will contact you to facilitate these discussions. Ms. Woodard can be reached at (410) 786-9249 or <u>Jessica.Woodard@cms.hhs.gov</u> should you need to contact her. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on your 1115 demonstration extension.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman Director

cc: Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region VI