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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Andy Allison
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Dear Mr. Allison:

With this letter, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a temporary extension of Arkansas' Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00163) until December 31, 2014. The demonstration is currently operating under the authority of section 1115(f) of the Social Security Act. The current lists of waiver and expenditure authorities and special terms and conditions (STCs) will continue to apply to the TEFRA demonstration until December 31, 2014.

CMS approval of this temporary section 1115 demonstration extension is subject to the limitations specified in the approved waiver and expenditure authorities and the list of requirements that are not applicable to the expenditure authorities. The state may deviate from the Medicaid state plan requirements only to the extent those requirements have been specifically listed as waived or not applicable to the expenditure authorities. All requirements of the Medicaid program as expressed in law, regulation and policy statement not expressly waived or identified as not applicable shall apply to Arkansas' TEFRA program. This approval is also conditioned upon continued compliance with the enclosed STCs defining the nature, character and extent of federal involvement in this project. The per-member-per-month (PMPM) costs approved for the last demonstration year will be used to determine budget neutrality through this extension period.

If you have any questions about this approval, please contact Diane Gerrits, Director for the Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers at CMS. Your project officer is Jessica Woodard. Ms. Woodard can be reached at (410) 786-9249 or Jessica.Woodard@cms.hhs.gov.

Thank you for yours and your staff's thoughtful work on this demonstration extension. We look forward to a successful implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman
Director

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