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Dear Mr. Douglas:

I am writing to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has granted your request to amend California's section 1115(a) demonstration (11-W-00193/9), entitled "California Bridge to Reform Demonstration." Approval of this amendment is under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act, and is effective from the date of this letter.

This amendment authorizes the expansion of the demonstration's managed care models to twenty eight (28) counties, beginning September 1, 2013. Specifically, eight (8) counties will implement the County Organized Health Systems (COHS) model, no sooner than September 1, 2013, and twenty (20) counties will implement the Regional, Imperial, or San Benito managed care models no sooner than November 1, 2013. The revised special terms and conditions (STCs) describe notice requirements and monitoring standards to help ensure a smooth transition of these beneficiaries from fee-for-service to managed care.

In addition, in order to help the state effectively transition beneficiaries to new coverage options available in 2014, this amendment provides California's counties the authority to delay eligibility redeterminations for Low Income Health Program participants that are scheduled to occur between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 for one year from the original renewal date.

CMS approval of this California Bridge to Reform demonstration amendment is conditioned on continued compliance with the enclosed set of STCs defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The award is subject to your written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the STCs within 30 days of the date of this letter.

A copy of the revised STCs and the expenditure authorities is enclosed. The waivers for this demonstration are unchanged by this amendment, and remain in force; a copy of the waiver list is also enclosed.

Your project officer for this demonstration is Mr. Robert Nelb. He is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and this amendment. Mr. Nelb's contact information is:

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Official communications regarding official matters should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Nelb and Ms. Gloria Nagle, Associate Regional Administrator for the Division of Medicaid and Children's Health in our San Francisco Regional Office. Ms. Nagle's contact information is as follows:

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If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Mr. Eliot Fishman, Director, Children's and Adults Health Programs Group, Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-9535.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

Cc: Gloria Nagle, ARA Region IX