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## **State Demonstrations Group**

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## Dear Justin:

cc:

I am writing in response to Florida's request to amend the Managed Medical Assistance section 1115 demonstration (11-W-00206/4) to extend the Low Income Pool (LIP) component for an additional two years. I note that we continue to make good progress toward finalizing terms for an extension of LIP. To avoid disruption for providers, we are granting an interim expenditure authority under section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, to make federal funding available to Florida for interim payments to providers from October 1 through October 15, 2015 of Demonstration Year 10 (DY 10), subject to a total spending limit of \$41.665 million for the combined federal and state shares of expenditures. This grant is in addition to the grants of authority provided by CMS on June 30, 2015 (\$166.66 million for July 1 through August 31, 2015), August 31, 2015 (\$41.665 million for September 1 through 15, 2015) and September 15, 2015 (\$41.665 million for September 16 through 30, 2015). Payments made during these interim time periods will be subject to reconciliation using the methodology under an approved extension that encompasses the full DY 10. Payments made during the interim time periods will also be counted toward the overall spending limit for DY 10, which will be set forth in the approved extension. All current Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) related to the LIP apply, except for STCs 68(a), 69(a)-(b) and (79). The STCs are subject to revision based on final approval of the LIP extension beyond October 15, 2015.

We look forward to working with you further on these topics as part of our effort to reach a final agreement on the demonstration. Please feel free to call me if you have concerns or questions as we continue our discussions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman Director

Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, Region IV