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Ms. Heather Hostetler
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Dear Ms. Hostetler:

As you requested, the State is submitting a 60-day temporary extension request of the Low Income Pool (LIP) program authorized under Florida's 1115 Managed Medical Assistance Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00206/4). The current LIP program is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2015, and CMS has provided a letter of agreement in principle to establish a replacement LIP in the amount of \$1 billion for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. While we work with CMS to establish Special Terms and Conditions for that replacement LIP, we want to ensure that we have the appropriate federal authorities to allow costs incurred during this time to be allowable for purposes of the replacement LIP. As stated in your June 23, 2015, Letter of Agreement, any amounts made available to Florida under a temporary extension of the previous LIP demonstration after July 1, 2015, will be deducted and distributed in accordance with the Letter of Agreement and from the \$1 billion spending limit for Demonstration Year 10.

Therefore, the State requests continuation of the waivers and expenditure authorities granted under the authority of section 1115(a)(2) of the Social Security Act in the Special Terms and Conditions of this waiver dated July 31, 2014. The State seeks to maintain operations while the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services works with the Agency for Health Care Administration regarding the pending LIP amendment submitted by the Agency May 26, 2015. The State is submitting this request in accordance with 42 CFR 431.412(c)(4).

We appreciate your consideration of this request and your efforts in working with our staff on amending Florida's 1115 Managed Medical Assistance Waiver. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (850) 412-4007. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

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Enclosures
cc: Jackie L. Glaze, CMS-RO

