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Dear Ms. Kidder:

Thank you for your recent request to extend the Florida Family Planning section 1115 demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00135/4). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on June 30, 2017. We have completed a preliminary review of your extension request in accordance with the April 27, 2012 CMS Final Rule on transparency and public notice procedures for section 1115 demonstration projects and determined that the state's application does not meet the requirements for a complete extension request as specified in 42 C.F.R. §431.412(c).

The specific elements that are missing from the state's extension application that are needed in order for CMS to determine that the request is complete are outlined in the attached enclosure. At this time, CMS will not begin our 30-day federal public comment and notice process as specified under 42 C.F.R. §431.416(b). When the state submits a revised extension application that includes the missing elements as described in the enclosure, CMS will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the revised request is complete in accordance with the requirements at 42 C.F.R. §431.416(a).

We look forward to working with you and your staff, and are available to provide technical assistance as you revise the state's extension application. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Emmett Ruff, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-4252, or at Emmett.Ruff@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,


Kim Howell
Director
Division of State Demonstrations & Waivers

Enclosure

cc: Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Atlanta Region IV

ENCLOSURE

Elements Needed for a “Complete” Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Request

The state did not include the following elements in its extension application:

1. Historical Narrative of the Demonstration (42 C.F.R. §431.412(c)(2)(i)). The state must include a historical narrative summary of the demonstration that includes the objectives set forth at the time the demonstration was approved, evidence of how these objectives have or have not been met, and the future goals of the program.

The state did not provide a historical narrative summary of the demonstration. Although the state lists program goals and objectives on page 1 of the application, it does not indicate how these objectives have or have not been met, and whether the state will be revising these goals and objectives for the requested extension period.

2. Confirmation of whether the state is requesting any changes during the extension period, along with the objectives and desired outcomes of the proposed changes (42 C.F.R. §431.412(c)(2)(ii)).

On page 4 of the application, the state indicates it is not requesting new expenditure or waiver authorities. While it could possibly be inferred that Florida is not requesting program changes because it is not requesting new authorities, the state must clearly articulate whether or not it proposes to make program changes for the requested extension period.

3. Quality Reports and Assurance Monitoring (42 C.F.R. §421.412(c)(2)(iv)). The state must include summaries of External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) reports, managed care organization (MCO), state quality assurance monitoring, and/or any other documentation of the quality of and access to care provided under the demonstration.

The state did not provide any such information or documentation.

4. Research and Evaluation (42 C.F.R. §431.412(c)(2)(vi)). The state must include the latest evaluation report of the demonstration, inclusive of evaluation activities and findings to date and plans for evaluation activities during the extension period.

The state only mentions that it has a contracted evaluator and lists its hypotheses to be tested under the demonstration. The state does not provide any other information on evaluation. It was also unclear whether the evaluation hypotheses are for the current approval period or being proposed for the requested extension period. The state's application should clearly distinguish between the evaluation activities implemented and associated findings to date and the state's plan for evaluation activities during the requested extension period.

5. Documentation of the post-award public input process required by 42 C.F.R. §431.420(c) (42 C.F.R. §431.412(c)(2)(vii)).

The state's application did not include documentation of the how the state complied with the annual post-award public input process as described in subsection §431.420(c), including a report of any issues raised by the public and how the state considered these comments.