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May 17, 2012

Ms. Joelene K. Lono, Executive Director Ke Ola Mamo Native Hawaiian Health Care System-Oahu 1505 Dillingham Boulevard, Room 205 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Ms. Lono:

RE: QUEST EXPANDED SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Pursuant to Section 5006(e)(2) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division (MQD) is soliciting your consultation of the State of Hawaii's intent to seek a three-year extension of the QUEST Expanded Section 1115 demonstration project from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Demonstration is set to expire on June 30, 2013. MQD intends to request an extension of the Demonstration under the same terms and conditions as the current waiver and any pending amendments. MQD will submit a separate proposal, with a separate notice and opportunity for comment, to amend the Demonstration to reflect new requirements in the Affordable Care Act that take effect January 1, 2014.

Please provide your written comments by June 18, 2012 to the:

Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division P. O. Box 700190 Kapolei, Hawaii 96709-0190 Attn: Policy and Program Development Office

Should you have any questions or desire a meeting, please call Ms. Aileen Befitel at 692-8074 or email her at <u>abefitel@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us</u>

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Thank you for your efforts, support and advocacy for the American Indian and Alaska Native communities and your continuing support of our Medicaid programs.

Sincerely,

/S/ for

Kenneth S. Fink, MD, MGA, MPH Med-QUEST Division Administrator