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November 20, 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: EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO HAWAII 1115 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

Pursuant to the tribal consultation requirements in Section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act as amended by 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 expedited consultation of the State's intent to seek a five-year extension of the QUEST Expanded Section 1115 demonstration project from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The current demonstration is expected to expire on December 31, 2013 pending approval by the CMS of a six-month extension submitted on June 29, 2012. MQD intends to submit the five-year Section 1115(a) renewal application to align its current demonstration with provisions in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Under the renewal, "QUEST Integration" seeks to build on the success of a competitive managed care delivery system, while integrating the demonstration's programs and benefits to have a more patient-centered care delivery system and align the demonstration with ACA's new requirements. The State will eliminate all eligibility enrollment caps, and streamline its programs by consolidating the current programs under QUEST Integration. Nearly all eligible beneficiaries will be enrolled under QUEST Integration, and access to services will be determined by clinical criteria and medical necessity. Finally, QUEST Integration will offer new services to beneficiaries, including a home-and community-based services (HCBS) benefit to individuals who are assessed to be at risk of deteriorating to the institutional level of care (the "at risk" population) and additional specialized behavioral health services for adults with a severe mental illness or serious and persistent mental illness.

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A copy of the full public notice, draft application and supporting documents are enclosed for your review and are also available at <http://www.med-quest.us> and [http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/proposed\\_rules](http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/proposed_rules). Please provide your written comments by December 10, 2012 to the:

Department of Human Services  
Med-QUEST Division  
P. O. Box 700190  
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 [abefitel@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us](mailto:abefitel@medicaid.dhs.state.hi.us).

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,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Kenneth S. Fink.

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

Enclosures