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Ms. Patricia McManaman Director Hawaii Department of Human Services P.O. Box 339 Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

Dear Ms. McManaman:

Thank you for your recent request to extend the state's QUEST Expanded section 1115 demonstration (11-W-00001/9). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on June 29, 2012. On July 13, 2012 CMS completed a preliminary review of your extension request in accordance with the April 27th final rule. We determined at that time that the state's extension request had not met the requirements for a complete extension request as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(c) because it required more detail regarding the evaluation and the state's future goals for the demonstration.

In response to our letter, on September 5, 2012, you submitted a draft evaluation and the state's future goals. We have completed a preliminary review of the additional information, and have determined that with additional materials the state's extension request has met the requirements for a complete extension request as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(c).

In accordance with section 42 CFR 431.416(a), CMS acknowledges receipt of the state's extension request. The 30-day Federal comment period, as required under 42 CFR 431.416(b), begins on September 20, 2012 ends on October 20, 2012. The state's extension request is available at http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers.html.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to extend the state's demonstration. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Alexis E. Gibson, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-2813, or at alexis.gibson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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