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Cindy Mann
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Dear Director Mann,

I am pleased to respond to your letter dated February 24, 2014 approving Illinois's request for a waiver under section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act to transition individuals eligible under our section 1115 Illinois/Cook County demonstration waiver program as of December 31, 2013 into coverage under the state plan adult group described at 42 CFR 435.119. As you noted, this strategy will help us streamline the eligibility determination and renewal processes and ease access to coverage for newly eligible adults. Illinois accepts the authorities specified in your letter, and we look forward to working with CMS to determine the appropriate FMAP for this population.

We appreciate your consideration and approval of our waiver request. If you have any questions about this letter, please direct them to me at Theresa.Eagleson@illinois.gov or Jacqui Ellinger at Jacquetta.Ellinger@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



Theresa Eagleson, Administrator
Division of Medical Programs

cc: Verlon Johnson, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Region V