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[sent via email to Linda.MacDonald@cms.hhs.gov]

RE: Request for One-Year Extension of Program Authority and All Related Activities for
KanCare Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration, 11-W-00283/7

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

As you know, the captioned demonstration program is approved through December 31, 2017. The purpose of this letter is to formally request that CMS extend the current demonstration authority, thereby extending the entire KanCare program as it currently exists, for one year so that it is authorized to run through December 31, 2018.

Under the current timeline for which the program is authorized, as noted in Special Terms and Conditions (STC) 8(a), the state is required to submit an extension request by 12.31.16. However, in light of upcoming changes in federal administration, the State of Kansas is reviewing program options that may be more consistent with the public health vision of the incoming administration that will support effective and efficient use of Kansas' resources. We anticipate substantial changes, and the need to work with stakeholders to develop operational plans that will best support the new KanCare program. Substantive stakeholder input will take several months to assemble.

Given these circumstances, we request a one-year extension of the entire KanCare program, including all operational authority and related STCs, so that current program authority extends to December 31, 2018. Related to that one-year extension, we request conforming extension of all existing timelines including the deadline to submit the application to renew the program being extended to December 31, 2017. In light of the anticipated changes in federal administration of the Medicaid program, we think it is only reasonable to allow for timely development of available options, related stakeholder input, and state/contractor preparation for implementation.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,


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