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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

August 4, 2014

Ms. Ruth Kennedy
Medicaid Director
State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
628 North 4th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Thank you for your recent request to extend Louisiana's Greater New Orleans Community Health Connection (GNOCHC) section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00252/6). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your initial extension request on July 1, 2014, and the updated extension request addressing our questions on July 25, 2014. We have completed a preliminary review of the application and have determined that the state's extension request has met the requirements for a complete application as specified under section 42 CFR §431.412(a).

In accordance with section 42 CFR §431.416(a), CMS acknowledges receipt of the state's application. The application documents will be posted on the Medicaid.gov website for a 30-day federal comment period, as required under 42 CFR §431.416(b). The documents will be available at: <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/Waivers.html>.

If you have additional questions, please contact your assigned project officer, Mehreen Hossain. Ms. Hossain can be reached at (410)786-0938 or Mehreen.Hossain1@cms.hhs.gov.

Communications regarding program matters and official correspondence concerning the demonstration should be submitted to Ms. Hossain at the following address:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Hossain and to Mr. Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, in our Dallas Regional Office.

Mr. Brook's contact information is as follows:

Mr. Bill Brooks
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children Health Operations
1301 Young Street, Room 714
Dallas, TX 75202

We look forward to working with your staff on the state's demonstration extension.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Acting Director
Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers

cc: Eliot Fishman, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group
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