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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

Ruth Kennedy  
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State of Louisiana  
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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 extension request on July 1, 2014. We have completed a preliminary review of the application and have determined that the state's extension request has not met the requirements for a complete extension request as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(c).

The application is missing the interim evaluation report. 42 CFR section 431.412(c)(2)(vi) and 42 CFR section 431.424(d). This report should cover the period of time from when the demonstration began to December 31, 2013. It should be based upon the approved evaluation design.

These items must be addressed in order for CMS to determine that the request is complete. Once an extension request has been determined complete, CMS can begin the official review process, including initiation of the 30-day federal public comment period. At this time, we will not be able to begin our 30-day federal public comment and notice process as specified under 42 CFR 431.416(b). Once we receive a revised extension request that includes the missing elements as described above, or explains how the current request address the missing element, we will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the revised request is complete. We will notify you of our determination no later than 15 days after receipt of your revised extension request.

We look forward to our continuing work with you and your staff, and are available to provide technical assistance as you revise the state's extension request. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Andrea Casart, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-0742, or at [Andrea.Casart@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Andrea.Casart@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

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