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**Children and Adults Health Programs Group**

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Ms. Ruth Kennedy  
Medicaid Director  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
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Dear ~~Ms. Kennedy~~ Ruth:

Thank you for the state's communication regarding the extension of Louisiana's Medicaid section 1115 family planning demonstration, entitled "Take Charge." The state requested that the current program, which is due to expire on December 31, 2012, be extended to March 31, 2013.

With this letter, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a temporary extension of your program until March 31, 2013. The demonstration is currently operating under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. Additionally, the current lists of waiver and expenditure authorities and special terms and conditions will continue to apply to Louisiana's family planning demonstration until March 31, 2013.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on Louisiana's 1115 family planning demonstration renewal.

Sincerely,

/Jennifer Ryan/

Jennifer Ryan  
Deputy Director

cc:

Bill Brooks, Associate Regional Administrator, Region VI  
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