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State Demonstrations Group

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Shannon McMahon Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 201 West Preston Street, Room 525 Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Ms. McMahon:

Thank you for your recent request to extend Maryland's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "HealthChoice" (Project No. 11-W-00099/3).

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on June 30, 2016. 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 extension request as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(c).

In accordance with section 42 CFR 431.416(a), CMS acknowledges receipt of the state's extension application. The documents will be posted on Medicaid.gov and the comment period will last 30 days, as required by 42 CFR 431.416(b). The state's extension request will be available at http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/ByTopics/Waivers/Waivers.html.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to extend the state's demonstration. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Mr. Felix Milburn, at (410) 786-1315, or at Felix.Milburn@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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