Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D.
Secretary
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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Dear Mr. Hales:

We are pleased to inform you that your July 1, 2010 request for an extension of the State of Maryland's Medicaid section 1115 demonstration, entitled "HealthChoice" (Waiver number 11-W-00099/3) under authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act), has been granted for the period July 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013 unless otherwise specified.

This Demonstration will continue and strengthen coverage available to Medicaid beneficiaries in Maryland. The Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) include provisions that:

- Allow the State to mandatorily enroll Demonstration eligibles into a managed care organization for comprehensive primary and acute care;
- Create health care programs that serve targeted populations through the "Rare and Expensive Case Management" (REM) program, the "Primary Adult Care" (PAC) program, and the "Increasing Community Services" (ICS) program which provide select health care services to targeted populations; and
- Integrate requested State revisions to the Family Planning program into the Demonstration.

The Department of Health and Human Services' approval of the Demonstration extension, including the waivers and the costs not otherwise matchable authority that are described in the enclosed list, are conditioned on the State's acceptance of the STCs within the proceeding 30 days for the date of this approval. The STCs will be effective July 1, 2011, unless otherwise specified. All requirements of the Medicaid program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement, not expressly waived or identified as not applicable in this list, shall apply to the Demonstration. Your project officer is Ms. Robin Preston. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Preston's contact information is as follows:
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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Preston and to Mr. Ted Gallagher, Associate Regional Administrator in our Philadelphia Regional Office. Mr. Gallagher's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Ms. Victoria Wachino, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification, at (410) 786-5647.

The CMS is looking forward to continuing to strengthen this partnership and is committed to working collaboratively with the State to help deliver health care to the residents of Maryland in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

Sincerely,

/Bill Lasowski/ for

Cindy Mann
Director

Enclosures

cc:  Ted Gallagher, ARA, Philadelphia Regional Office
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