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Ms. Carol Backstrom
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Dear Ms. Backstrom:

Thank you for your recent section 1115 demonstration application entitled, "Reform 2020: Pathways to Independence." The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your application on November 21, 2012. We have completed a preliminary review of the application, and have determined that the state's application 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 30-day federal comment period, as required under 42 CFR 431.416(b), begins on December 5, 2012 and ends on January 6, 2013. The state's application is available at <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/Waivers.html>.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the proposed application, and are available to provide technical assistance. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Ms. Heather Hostetler, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-4515, or at Heather.Hostetler@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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