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Dr. James Golden
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Dear Dr. Golden:

Thank you for your recent application for a new section 1115 demonstration related to Spousal Impoverishment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your application on June 30, 2014. On April 27, 2012, CMS issued a final rule and guidance on section 1115 demonstration projects, outlining specific elements that need to be included in a state's application in order for CMS to determine that the request is complete. Once an application has been determined complete, CMS can begin the official review process, including initiation of the 30-day federal public comment period.

We have completed a preliminary review of your application in accordance with the April 27, 2012 final rule. We have determined that the state's application has not met the requirements for a complete application as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(a). We have included the specific elements we identified during the review as missing in the enclosure. We have had productive discussions with your staff, who are working diligently to provide the outstanding information.

At this time, we will not begin our 30-day federal public comment and notice process as specified under 42 CFR 431.416(b). Once we receive a revised application that includes the missing elements as further described in the enclosure, or explain how the current request addresses the missing elements, 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 application.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Angela D. Garner
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Enclosure

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Application for Spousal Impoverishment Section 1115 New Demonstration
Elements needed for “Complete” Application

Specifically, the state did not include the following elements in its application:

1. Requirements for demonstration applications (42 CFR 431.412(a)(2)(vii)).
 - a. The research hypotheses that are related to the demonstration’s proposed changes, goals, and objectives, a plan for testing the hypotheses in the context of evaluation, and if a quantitative evaluation design is feasible, the identification of appropriate evaluation indicators. Please include more detail on the evaluation plan, design and evaluation indicators for this proposed demonstration.