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**State Demonstrations Group**

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Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Thank you for your recent application for a new section 1115 demonstration project to improve access to coverage and care for American Indians residing in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your application request on January 13, 2017. We have completed a preliminary review of your application in accordance with the April 27, 2012 CMS Final Rule on transparency and public notice procedures for section 1115 demonstration projects, and determined that the state's application does not meet the requirements for a complete initial application as specified under 42 C.F.R. §431.412(a).

Specifically, the evaluation information included in the state's application posted for state public comment, and subsequently submitted to CMS, does not meet the evaluation requirements outlined in 42 C.F.R. §431.408(a)(1)(i)(D) and 42 C.F.R. §431.412(a)(1)(vii). In summary, these provisions require that the state's application include information on the research hypothesis and evaluation parameters related to each of the demonstration's proposed goals, as well as a plan for testing the hypotheses in the context of an evaluation.

At this time, CMS will not begin our 30-day federal public notice and comment process as specified under 42 C.F.R. §431.416(b). When the state submits a revised application that includes the missing elements described above, after completion of another minimum 30-day public comment period, CMS will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the revised request is complete in accordance with the requirements at 42 C.F.R. §431.416(a).

We look forward to working 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 CMS project officer, Linda Macdonald at (410) 786-3872 or at [Linda.Macdonald@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Linda.Macdonald@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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