

Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dr. Joe Parks, Director
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Dear Dr. Parks:

Thank you for your recent request to extend the state's Gateway to Better Health section 1115 demonstration. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on December 31, 2013. 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 extension request in order for CMS to determine that the request is complete. Once an extension request has been determined to be 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 extension request in accordance with the April 27th final rule. We have determined that the state's extension request has not met the requirements for a complete extension request as specified under section 42 CFR 431.412(c) and 431.420. Per regulation 42 CFR 431.412(c), any extension application, including an extension for the purpose of phasing out a demonstration, must be sent from the Governor of the state to the Secretary. Also, as a requirement in 42 CFR 431.412(c)(2)(vii), a post-award forum to solicit input on any changes to the demonstration is needed before CMS can determine the application complete and begin the federal public notice process.

At this time, CMS will not begin our 30-day federal public comment and notice process as specified under 42 CFR 431.416(b). Once CMS receives a revised extension request that includes the missing elements or explains how the current request addresses the missing elements, we will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the revised request is complete. CMS will notify you of our determination no later than 15 days after receipt of your revised extension request.

We look forward to working with you and your staff, and are available to provide technical assistance as you revise the state's extension request. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer, Ms. Terri Fraser, Division of State Demonstrations & Waivers, at (410) 786-5573, or at terri.fraser@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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