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Victoria Wachino, Director  
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Dear Ms. Wachino:

The State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, is giving notice to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of its intent to consider requesting a three-year extension of the Section 1115 demonstration project "Gateway to Better Health: Preserving and Strengthening Primary and Specialty Care Services for Medicaid and the Uninsured in the St. Louis Region," which is currently scheduled to expire December 31, 2013. The original effective date of the demonstration was July 1, 2010. Applicable regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 431 and the Special Terms and Conditions for the demonstration require that the state submit a request for demonstration extension twelve months prior to the expiration date of the demonstration. In providing this timely notice in accordance with federal regulation, the State of Missouri reserves the option to not file a full formal request for extension in calendar year 2013.

The state public notice process pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 431.408 has been met. Two public hearings were held and a newspaper notice was published with a 30 day comment period. There were no public comments regarding the demonstration.

This demonstration extension application is being submitted in partnership with the St. Louis Regional Health Commission, the goal of which is to preserve and improve primary and specialty care access for uninsured residents of St. Louis City and St. Louis County until continued access to health care is assured through a more comprehensive model of coverage.

We look forward to working with you and the federal review team in the months to come. In the meantime, if there is any other information that you need, please contact Ian McCaslin, M.D., M.P.H., Director-MO HealthNet Division, at 573/751-6922.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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