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Dear Mr. Pellanda:

On May 15, 2015, the Missouri Legislature adjourned the 2015 session without approving the expansion of Missouri's Medicaid program to cover the new low-income adult group. This means that the Medicaid expansion will not be implemented by December 31, 2015, when the Gateway to Better Health Demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00250/7) is scheduled to expire. As a result, we request the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to approve the extension of the Gateway demonstration as soon as possible.

In the absence of an expansion of Medicaid, it is critical that CMS extend the Gateway to Better Health demonstration. Without the Gateway demonstration, over 20,000 low-income residents of the St. Louis area will lose their health care coverage.

It is our understanding that without an extension Medicaid rules require enrollees to be given 90 days advance notice that the program will terminate. This means notices of termination must be sent to over 20,000 enrollees by October 1, 2015, if the extension is not approved by that time. CMS approved the State's last extension request, for calendar year 2015, in July 2014 enabling us to avoid sending out these notices.

In a letter dated January 28, 2015, CMS confirmed receipt of the State's request to extend the Gateway demonstration for up to one year. Similar to last year, this extension does not include any substantive changes to the demonstration. The only change is extending the expiration date from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

We hereby notify CMS, as we did last year, that the State interprets the phase-out plan timeline in STC 9 as not applying when an extension request is pending and we intend to delay the posting and submission of the phase-out plan until September 2015 to avoid unnecessarily

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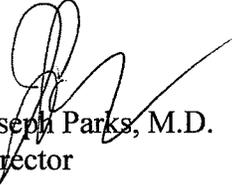
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alarming members that their benefits may be ending. The State plans to post the phase-out plan for public comment in September if the Gateway extension has not been approved by that time. After the requisite 30-day public comment period, the State will submit the plan to CMS.

We ask that CMS approve the extension request as soon as possible. Please submit any questions regarding the extension request and planned activities in writing to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Parks", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph Parks, M.D.  
Director

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