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Dear Dr. Dzielak:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved your request to temporarily extend Mississippi's section 1115 demonstration project, titled Healthier Mississippi (Project Number 11-W-00185/4). The new extension period is approved for the period starting with the date of this approval letter through July 1, 2015.

The demonstration will continue to operate under the current Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), and waiver and expenditure authorities. Mississippi may deviate from the Medicaid state plan requirements to the extent those requirements have been specifically waived or made not applicable, and the expenditure authorities will continue to apply for populations and other services not covered under the Medicaid state plan. The per-member-per-month (PMPM) costs approved for the last demonstration year will be used to determine budget neutrality through this extension period.

By January 31, 2015, Mississippi must submit a plan to close out the demonstration or submit a full renewal application package. Should Mississippi elect not to renew the demonstration, and instead to submit a close-out plan, the plan is subject to CMS approval and must provide for the seamless transition and continuity of care of demonstration enrollees (e.g. transition of enrollees under case management and those with complex medication needs, and maintaining existing care relationships) to the new delivery model selected by the state.

Your project officer is Leila Ashkeboussi. She is available to answer any questions concerning the Demonstration. Ms. Ashkeboussi's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Ashkeboussi and Ms. Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Glaze's contact information is as follows:

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If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at (410) 786-5647 in the Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman
Director

cc: Jackie Glaze, ARA, Region IV