



State Demonstrations Group

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Marie Matthews
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Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
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Dear Ms. Matthews:

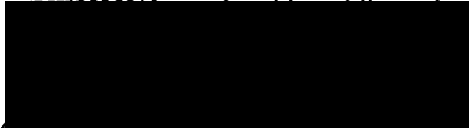
Thank you for your recent request to extend Montana's Medicaid section 1115(a) family planning demonstration, entitled "Montana Plan First" (Project Number: 11-W-00276/8). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on May 11, 2018 and has completed its preliminary review to find the state's application complete in accordance with section 42 CFR 431.412(c).

Montana's application will be posted on Medicaid.gov for a minimum 30-day public comment period as required by 42 CFR 431.416(b). The state's extension request will be available at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.

Because the state will require additional time as CMS completes its federal public notice and review process in order to render a final decision on the state's extension application, we are granting a temporary extension of the Montana Plan First demonstration that is currently scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018, through November 30, 2018. The current Special Terms and Conditions and associated expenditure authorities will continue to apply to the Plan First demonstration until November 30, 2018.

We look forward to working with you and your staff to extend the state's demonstration. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Ed Francell, at (410) 786-1342 or at ed.francell@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Judith Cash
Director
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cc: Richard Allen, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Denver Regional Office