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## **Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services**

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Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the state's communication regarding the extension of North Carolina's Medicaid section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Be Smart Family Planning Waiver." The State requested that the current program, which is due to expire on October 31, 2012, be temporarily extended.

With this letter, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving a temporary extension of the Be Smart Family Planning Waiver until November 15, 2012. This period of time will allow the state to work with CMS to address its questions regarding the September 21, 2012, approval of its State Plan Amendment (SPA) to provide family planning services through Section 2303 of the Affordable Care Act (NC 11-040).

The demonstration is currently operating under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. The current list of expenditure authorities and Special Terms and Conditions will continue to apply to the demonstration until November 15, 2012.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

/Jennifer Ryan/ Jennifer Ryan Deputy Director

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