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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 November 15, 2012, be extended until January 31, 2013.

With this letter, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving a temporary extension of the Be Smart Family Planning Waiver until January 31, 2013. This period of time will allow the state to work with CMS to implement its approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) to provide family planning services through Section 2303 of the Affordable Care Act (NC 11-040; approved September 21, 2012).

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 January 31, 2013.

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

Sincerely,

/Maria Reed/ for

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