



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

December 30, 2011

Mark Pahl, Project Officer
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers
7500 Security Blvd., Mail Stop S2-01-16
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: Request to Renew SoonerCare Demonstration, 2013-2015
Waiver No. 11-W-00048/6

Dear Mr. Pahl:

Oklahoma requests approval to renew the SoonerCare §1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. The current extension is approved through December 31, 2012.

The State requests renewal of the Demonstration with one amendment to limit outpatient behavioral health visits for adult members of the Insure Oklahoma Individual Plan program to 48 per calendar year. The State requests that the Health Access Network (HAN) approval be extended as a pilot; the State is not at present requesting that HANs be implemented statewide.

The State recognizes that further amendments to the Demonstration will be necessary in order to bring the program into compliance with provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that go into effect in 2014. The State requests renewal of the Demonstration in its present form with the understanding that amendment requests will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services when a consensus has been reached regarding the shape health care reform will take in Oklahoma.

The State's application for renewal of the waiver, including all supporting documentation, is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard, Deputy State Medicaid Director, at (405) 522-7208, or Tywanda Cox, Health Policy Director, at (405) 522-7153.

Regards,


Mike Fogarty
CEO, Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Enclosure: Application for Extension of the Demonstration, 2013-2015