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## State Demonstrations Group

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Traylor Rains  
Chief Medicaid Director  
Oklahoma Health Care Authority  
4345 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Director Rains:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "SoonerCare" (Project Number 11-W-00048/6), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's extension application dated December 28, 2022. This demonstration will now expire on December 31, 2024.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, waivers, and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until December 31, 2024, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner. Following this temporary extension period, CMS expects the state to provide non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for all demonstration beneficiaries, including Insure Oklahoma participants, to align with current CMS policy regarding sunseting NEMT waivers and non-applicable authorities. CMS will provide technical assistance to the state, if requested, on options for supporting NEMT services for all demonstration beneficiaries.

For the temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include this temporary extension period in its demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include this temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning August 31, 2018. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report should be submitted within 18 months of the end of the temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond December 31, 2024, the state may choose to include the temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Kamia Rathore. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Rathore can be reached at [Kamia.Rathore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Kamia.Rathore@cms.hhs.gov).

If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (410)786-9686.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michala Walker, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group