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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Clement:

Thank you for the state's request to temporarily extend Oregon's Family Planning Expansion Project (Project No. 11-W-00142/0) section 1115 demonstration, which is due to expire on June 30, 2015. The state requested a 9-month temporary extension in order to continue providing family planning services while it makes decisions concerning the program's budget, assess the impact of the state's health transformation efforts, and further considers the family planning state plan amendment (SPA) option.

The Oregon Family Planning Expansion Project demonstration has been operating under a series of temporary extensions since October 31, 2012. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) believes that the state should submit a formal demonstration extension application rather than continuing to operate the demonstration under a series of temporary extensions. A formal extension of this program will allow Oregon to operate its family planning program in a manner consistent with the family planning demonstrations currently approved in other states.

To achieve that goal and to provide Oregon time to develop and submit a formal demonstration extension application, CMS is granting a 6-month temporary extension through December 31, 2015. Please be advised that demonstration extension applications must comply with our transparency requirements, including state public notice requirements, at 42 C.F.R. §431.400. Additional transparency requirements applicable to demonstration extensions can be found at 42 C.F.R. §431.408 and 412. CMS looks forward to working with you during the upcoming months on your demonstration extension application.

The demonstration will continue to operate under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. Additionally, the current list of expenditure authorities and Special Terms and Conditions will continue to apply to the Oregon Family Planning Expansion Project until December 31, 2015.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Project Officer, Ms. Lane Terwilliger. Ms. Terwilliger can be reached at (410) 786-2059, or at lane.terwilliger@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Director

cc: Mr. David Meacham, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Seattle