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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Ms. Saxton:

Thank you for the state's request to amend the Oregon Health Plan section 1115 demonstration (Project Nos. 21-W-00013/10 and 11-W-00160/10). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is actively working with the state on its amendment application and is granting a temporary extension of the expenditure authority listed below. This temporary extension will allow time for the amendment to proceed through the federal public comment process and for CMS to review the evaluation data for the Tribal Health Facility Payment Program for Uncompensated Care that Oregon advised it would submit by March 31, 2015. This temporary extension will be granted until April 30, 2015.

Title XIX – Costs Not Otherwise Matchable (CNOM)

5. Uncompensated Care for Tribal Health Facility Program: Expenditures for supplemental payments to Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribal health facilities operating under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) 638 authority: 1) for uncompensated care costs resulting from primary care services on the prioritized list which are no longer funded, that were restricted or eliminated from the Medicaid state plan effective January 1, 2010 for non-pregnant adults enrolled in Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan); and 2) for uncompensated care costs resulting from primary care services on the prioritized list that are provided to individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who have no Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP or other coverage. Beginning January 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015, the state shall only make supplemental payments to these facilities for uncompensated care costs resulting from primary care services on the prioritized list which are no longer funded, that were restricted or eliminated from the Medicaid state plan effective January 1, 2010 for all populations enrolled in Medicaid (Oregon Health Plan).

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your project officer, Ms. Iris Allen. Ms. Allen can be reached at (410) 786-1633, or at iris.allen@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman
Director

cc: Mr. Frank Schneider, ARA, Seattle Regional Office