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Washington, DC 20201

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Mr. Gary Alexander
Secretary
The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Human Services
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

We are pleased to inform you that Rhode Island's amendment to the "Global Consumer Choice Compact" 1115 Demonstration has been approved as project number 11-W-00242/1. The approved amendment is under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act beginning December 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2013.

The amendment to the Global Consumer Choice Compact section 1115 Demonstration aligns the special terms and conditions (STCs) with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State plan amendment# 6 to cover pregnant women whose family income is from 185 to 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) who do not have health insurance. The expenditure authority was modified to allow coverage of uninsured pregnant women whose family income is between 185 and 250 percent of the FPL under CHIP.

Rhode Island also requested that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) remove the language from the STCs related to the August 17, 2007, State Health Official (SHO) letter which required States to ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for crowd-out procedures. The SHO was withdrawn by CMS on February 6, 2009, in accordance with a Presidential Memorandum issued by President Obama, which rescinded the SHO letter.

In addition, the amendment to the Demonstration includes the revised expenditure authority for pregnant women covered under CHIP in order to be able to revert to the Medicaid section 1115 Demonstration for the purpose of claiming title XIX matching funds in the event that there is a shortfall of title XXI funding.

Approval of this section 1115 Demonstration amendment (and its Federal matching authority) is contingent upon the State's agreement to the enclosed STCs. The STCs set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of Federal involvement in this project. The award is subject to our receiving your written acceptance of the award within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Your project officer is Ms. Angela Gamer. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Gamer's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Gamer and to Mr. Richard McGreal, Acting Associate Regional Administrator in our Boston Regional Office.

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If you have questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Mr. Clarke Cagey, Acting Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, at (410) 786-3135.

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

Sincerely,
/Charlene Frizzera/
Charlene Frizzera
Acting Administrator