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## State Demonstrations Group

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Darin Gordon  
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Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration  
310 Great Circle Road  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for your recent request to amend the state's TennCare II section 1115 demonstration (Project No. 11-W-00151/4), which proposes to eliminate the Standard Spend Down eligibility group. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your letter on July 23, 2015.

We have completed a preliminary review of your letter in accordance with the Special Terms and Conditions (STC). As discussed with members of your staff, we have determined that the state's amendment request has not met the requirements for a complete amendment request as specified in STCs 6, 7, and 15. Once we receive an application from the state that includes the information listed in the enclosure, we will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the revised request is complete.

We look forward to working with you and your staff, and are available to provide technical assistance as you revise the state's extension request. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Ms. Megan Lepore, at (410) 786-4113 or at [Megan.Lepore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Megan.Lepore@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Eliot Fishman  
Director  
State Demonstrations Group

Enclosure

cc: Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, CMS Atlanta Regional Office  
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**Enclosure – List of Missing Elements from Demonstration Amendment Application**

- Documentation of the public process used by the state, consistent with the requirements of STC 15.
- A data analysis which identifies the specific “with waiver” impact of the proposed amendment on the current budget neutrality agreement. Such analysis shall include current total computable “with waiver” and “without waiver” status on both a summary and detailed level through the current approval period using the most recent actual expenditures, as well as summary and detailed projections of the change in the “with waiver” expenditure total as a result of the proposed amendment, which isolates (by Eligibility Group) the impact of the amendment.
- A detailed description of the amendment, including impact on beneficiaries, with sufficient supporting documentation.
- If applicable, a description of how the evaluation design will be modified to incorporate the amendment provisions.