



BILL HASLAM
GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

October 1, 2012

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

On June 29, 2012, Tennessee submitted an application for a three-year extension of the TennCare demonstration, from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2016. The authority requested was Section 1115(f) of the Social Security Act.

On September 27, 2012, the TennCare staff received a letter from Victoria Wachino, Director of the Children and Adult Health Programs Group at CMS, stating CMS's intention to renew the current demonstration only through December 31, 2013. This would be a six-month extension rather than the three-year extension we requested.

Section 1115(f)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act requires that an extension application be approved or disapproved no later than 120 days after the date of application, unless a later date is agreed to by the Chief Executive Officer of the State.

I am aware that additional discussions need to take place in order to obtain a longer term extension as originally requested. I am thereby agreeable to extending the 120 day period called for in Section 1115(f) until December 31, 2012, so that we may continue our discussions and work out all outstanding issues.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Bill Haslam.

Bill Haslam