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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Dear Mr. Gordon:

On August 21, 2013, your staff submitted a draft transition plan for your section 1115 demonstration, TennCare II (Project No. 11-W-00151/4). We appreciate the cooperation and collaboration your staff has provided during our review of your section 1115 demonstration transition plan.

Please find enclosed a redlined version of your transition plan. This document has been revised to reflect conversations we have had with your staff during the last several weeks. We ask that you review this document carefully and submit your confirmation of your transition plan as described in the enclosed document within 15 days.

Based on the enclosed version of your transition plan, at this time we have no further questions about your 2013 transition plan for your section 1115 demonstration populations. It is our understanding that you will be administratively transferring children in the Title XXI Medicaid Expansion population whose incomes are below 138 percent of the federal poverty level to the Medicaid state plan at the child's next scheduled redetermination. Other than this transition, we understand that there are no other eligibility changes to the populations served by your demonstration, though some individuals may shift eligibility categories at redetermination.

We would like to note that the state's inability to provide prepopulated renewal forms beginning on January 1, 2014 is inconsistent with our regulations at 42 CFR 435.916(a)(3). This item will require further discussion and an agreed-upon corrective action plan with a clear time frame to achieve compliance.

Please note that we will continue to work with you through the State Operations Technical Assistance (SOTA) process on issues related to overall eligibility and enrollment policies and practices for 2014, such as the grandfathering protections for beneficiaries. Other Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) components will continue to work with you on other Affordable Care Act-related items, such as your systems and data.

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If you have any questions, please contact your transition plan project officer, Ms. Angela Britton, at either 410-786-3079 or by email at Angela.Britton@cms.hhs.gov.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the review process.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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