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Children and Adults Health Programs Group

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Kay Ghahremani
Associate Commissioner for Medicaid/CHIP
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Ghahremani:

On August 16, 2013, your staff submitted a draft transition plan for your section 1115 demonstration, Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program (Project Number 11-W-00278/6). We appreciate the cooperation and collaboration your staff has provided during our review of your section 1115 demonstration transition plan.

Please find attached 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 there are no eligibility changes being made to your demonstration populations, other than change due to the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) conversion process, and the addition of two populations: children ages 6 to 18 with incomes between 101 and 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and the former foster care children up to age 26.

Please note that the draft transition notices are still outstanding; we request that you send the draft notices as soon as possible. Please be aware that we may have additional questions after the submission of the outstanding items.

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 and will require further discussion.

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.

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/

Diane T. Gerrits
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Enclosure

cc: Eliot Fishman, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group
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