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Dear Mr. Hales:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved temporary transition coverage for Utah's section 1115 Primary Care Network (PCN) demonstration (Project nos. 11-W-00145/8 and 21-W-00054/8) through February 28, 2015. This transition coverage will ensure continued coverage for individuals eligible and enrolled as of December 31, 2014 in coverage through the PCN demonstration as part of Demonstration Population I, but no longer eligible after that date.

In order to allow the state to provide this temporary coverage, CMS is granting 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority effective for costs incurred for the period of January 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015 by a state-funded program. The state will take administrative action (requiring no beneficiary action) so that individuals in Demonstration Population I who are at or above 95 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) will no longer be eligible under the demonstration on January 1, 2015 and will instead be enrolled in short-term coverage under the state program. This short-term coverage will enable such individuals to make an orderly transition to other coverage options. While this approval provides authority through February 28, 2015, the state should make every effort to assist this population to obtain health care coverage through the Marketplace no later than February 15, 2015. In addition, the state assures that no federal funds will be claimed for state transition program expenditures for individuals whose enrollment in other coverage options has become effective.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your project officer, Ms. Shanna Janu. Ms. Janu can be reached at (410)786-1370, or at shanna.janu@cms.hhs.gov. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff on this demonstration.

Sincerely,

/s/

Cindy Mann
Director

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