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Larry Reed, Director
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Dear Director Reed:

Thank you for your letter of September 14, 2012 detailing additional information needed for the SeniorCare demonstration project extension request to meet the February 27, 2012 federal regulations for Section 1115 demonstration projects. Based on the comments received from HHS, we have revised our application by adding text that draws from existing sections of the waiver application to address your specific concerns. The revised waiver application, dated September 26, 2012 is attached for your consideration.

The items below highlight the changes made to assist in your review of the revised waiver application:

- 1. Evidence of how the demonstration objectives were met can be found on page 11 of the waiver application.
- 2. Future goals of the demonstration are stated as being the same as the current goals on page 11.
- 3. Changes to the demonstration are included on pages 11-12, 17-18, and 21, where Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services are discussed.
- 4. The evaluation report of the demonstration is located in Attachment F.
- 5. Plans for evaluation activities are on page 43 of the waiver application.
- 6. The research hypothesis and evaluation design related to the inclusion of Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services are stated on page 12.
- 7. a. Public comments were solicited through email, mail, electronic mailing list, and public meetings. A summary of those comments can be found in Attachment E. As the

waiver application reports, comments generally were in favor of renewal of the demonstration. Page 11 states that the only change suggested by a significant number of commenters called for was the addition of MTM services. As a result of these comments, MTM services have been included. There are multiple references to MTM services throughout the waiver application.

- b. Public notices were posted to the SeniorCare website. The website included a description of the proposed delivery system, eligibility requirements, benefits, cost sharing, budget neutrality, evaluation plans, and waiver and expenditure authorities. Documentation of the public website can be found in Attachment D.
- c. and d. Additional public notices, which included locations, contact information, websites, etc., were published in Wisconsin's Administrative record. These notices can be found in Attachment B.
- e. Documentation of the SeniorCare website can be found in Attachment D.
- f. Information regarding an electronic mailing list can be found on page 35.
- 8. The post-award public input process is described on page 35.
- 9. Documentation of the quality and access to our program are found throughout the waiver application. However, Section X, Evaluation Activities and Findings, Part A, Quality Measures, highlights these items. In addition, a summary of qualitative interviews conducted by the Brandeis University researchers will be included in an upcoming 2012 quarterly report.

Again, thank you for considering the extension of the Wisconsin's SeniorCare Section 1115 Demonstration Project. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 266-9466 with any questions you may have. I look forward to notification that this waiver application is complete and that the federal comment period has begun.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dennis Smith, Secretary