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Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Stephen Fitton, Director
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State of Michigan, Department of Community Health
Capitol Commons
400 South Pine
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Fitton:

Thank you for your request, dated November 25, 2013, for a six (6) month waiver extension of Michigan's Specialty Services and Supports (MSS&S) 1915(b) waiver (MI.14). The current waiver authority expires March 30, 2014. The waiver extension is being requested in order to align Michigan's Medicare/Medicaid Demonstration project with the effective date of the waiver.

We are aware that you have been working to resolve cost effectiveness reporting issues identified in the last waiver renewal and appreciate your continued efforts to address these issues. We look forward to continuing the communication towards resolution, including the implementation of a Section 1915(i) State Plan amendment to operate concurrently with the MSS&S and Section 1915(c) waivers. Staff from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will continue to offer technical assistance as you complete work on these issues.

We are granting your request for a six (6) month extension of this waiver authority to extend through September 30, 2014. Please continue to keep us informed of your progress and contact us at any time for guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Chickering in the Chicago Regional Office at (312) 886-0326 or Alexis Gibson in the Central Office at (410) 786-2813.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Coulter Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Coulter Edwards
Director

cc: Jacqueline Coleman, MDCH
Maria Chickering, CMS