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State Demonstrations Group

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Stephanie Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36103

Dear Ms. Azar:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Alabama Plan First" (Project Number 11-W-00133/4), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue to work together on the state's extension application. This demonstration will now expire September 30, 2023.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until September 30, 2023 or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For this temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may include the temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period from November 27, 2017 through September 30, 2022. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of the temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond September 30, 2023, the state may include the temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report for the current demonstration approval period from November 27, 2017 through September 30, 2022 will still be due to CMS no later than March 31, 2024 and will be developed in alignment with the Evaluation Design approved on July 30, 2018. In the event that the state does not obtain an extension beyond September 30, 2023, the state must include the temporary extension period in its Summative Evaluation Report.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Mr. Julian Taylor. He is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Mr. Taylor can be reached at julian.taylor@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Judith Cash
Director

Enclosure

cc: Rita Nimmons, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group