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State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Director Mann:

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 titled, "Arkansas TEFRA-like Section 1115 Demonstration" (Project Number 11-W-00163/6) to continue negotiations with the state's June 30, 2022, extension application. This demonstration will now expire December 31, 2025.

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 as of Demonstration Year 22 will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until December 31, 2025, or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For the 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 this and the prior temporary extension periods in its demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include this and the prior temporary extension periods within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning May 9, 2018. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of this temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond December 31, 2025, the state may choose to include the temporary extension periods in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Ms. Felicia Pailen. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Pailen can be reached at Felicia.Pailen@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Jacey Cooper Director

Enclosure

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