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The Honorable Xavier Becerra
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Sent via email to: <u>Jamie.john@cms.hhs.gov</u>

Re: Hawai'i Section 1115 Demonstration (11-W-00001/9) Amendment

Dear Secretary Becerra:

The State of Hawai'i Med-QUEST Division (MQD) submits this acceptance of the Section 1115 amendment to the "Hawaii QUEST Integration" section 1115 demonstration (Project Number 11-W-00001/9), in accordance with section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (the "Act").

We accept this approval to provide expenditure authority to allow Hawai'i to provide continuous eligibility to children up to age 6, from birth through the end of the month in which their sixth birthday falls, and to children ages 6 up to age 19 for 24 months. We understand that the effective date is from November 14, 2024, through the rest of the demonstration approval period, which is set to expire March 31, 2025. In addition, it is our understanding that this amendment will automatically be incorporated into any extension renewal of our existing Section 1115 demonstration.

We look forward to continuing to innovate and evaluate new strategies that align with the goals of both MQD and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Thank you for the opportunity to build on our accomplishments together.

Sincerely,



Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD Med-QUEST Division Administrator