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Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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Sent via Email Only

Re: Improving American Indian Health in South Dakota 1115 Demonstration Application

Dear Ms. Knapp:

South Dakota Medicaid is requesting to withdraw the Improving American Indian Health in South Dakota 1115 demonstration application. The State is requesting to withdraw this application as CMS has advised the State that it cannot approve it because CMS lacks the authority under an 1115 demonstration to authorize 100% FFP for services rendered to American Indians at Urban Indian FQHCs and other FQHCs. South Dakota remains committed to initiatives that support improved health outcomes for our state's American Indian population. By removing this pending application, we hope to remove confusion as we advance this priority through other means.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Heather Petermann
Medicaid Director
South Dakota Department of Social Services