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Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you for your recent application for a new section 1115(a) Medicaid demonstration titled, "Missouri Former Foster Care Youth." The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received Missouri's request on August 31, 2020, and has completed its preliminary review to find the state's application complete in accordance with 42 CFR 431.412(a).

In light of the national public health emergency concerning COVID-19 and statewide social distancing guidance to prevent its spread, the state conducted teleconference meetings on July 7, 2020 and July 23, 2020 to solicit feedback on the state's proposal. These meetings were permissible through CMS's authority under 42 CFR 431.416(g)(2), which allows a state to depart from normal public notice procedures due to the unforeseen nature of the public health emergency. Pursuant to 431.416(g)(3), in order for a state to receive an exemption under section 431.416(g)(2), the state must meet three criteria: (i) The state must be acting in good faith, and in a diligent, timely, and prudent manner; (ii) The circumstances must constitute an emergency that could not have been reasonably foreseen; and, (iii) It must be the case that a delay would undermine or compromise the purpose of the demonstration and be contrary to the interests of beneficiaries. CMS has determined that the state has met these criteria.

Missouri's application will be posted on Medicaid.gov and the comment period will last 30 days in accordance with 42 CFR 431.416(b). During that time, the state's application will be available at: https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the proposed demonstration application.

If you have questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Felix Milburn, at Felix.Milburn@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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