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State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Ms. Hittle:

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 "Oregon Contraceptive Care" (CCare) (Project No.11-W-00142/0), to allot time for CMS and the state to continue negotiations for its five-year demonstration extension request. CMS' 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, expenditure authorities, and requirements not applicable to the Medicaid expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration until June 30, 2022, including the state's current budget neutrality agreement and demonstration year 26 per member per month limits.

The state is expected to continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state will be expected to include the temporary extension period in its scope of demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include the temporary extension period within its evaluation for the current approval period. Alternatively, if the state and CMS agree to a full five-year extension of the demonstration, the state may opt to include the temporary extension period in the evaluation design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period. The state will submit to CMS a final evaluation report in accordance with the approved evaluation design. If the state does not obtain an extension beyond June 30, 2022, the state should include the temporary extension period in its final evaluation.

As we have discussed, during the temporary extension period, the state will also develop a detailed plan that will include milestones and a timeline for bringing the demonstration's eligibility and enrollment processes, including application, verification, and renewal processes into compliance with the requirements of section 1943 of the Act and implementing federal regulations at 42 CFR part 435. The plan is subject to CMS approval and CMS is available to work with the state and provide technical assistance.

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Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Mr. Thomas Long. He is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Mr. Long can be reached at Thomas.Long@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (410) 786-9686.

Sincerely,

Judith Cash
Director

cc: Nikki Lemmon, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group