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August 30, 2024

Emily Zalkovsky  
State Medicaid Director  
Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
4601 W Guadalupe St  
MC H100  
Austin, TX 78751

Dear Director Zalkovsky:

Thank you for your letter dated July 30, 2024.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is evaluating the Healthy Texas Women demonstration's five-year extension request that the Texas Health and Human Services submitted on March 28, 2024, and our staff have been in touch to discuss CMS' questions about your requested extension. We share your goal of maintaining access to critical family planning services for eligible women in Texas, and we intend to continue to work with your staff to discuss any additional questions related to your application.

As you know, there are times when a short-term extension may be warranted to maintain continuity of coverage, including in circumstances in which additional time is needed to finalize agreement on the terms and conditions of a demonstration. Consistent with this practice, as needed, CMS will work with the state before the expiration of the demonstration on a reasonable extension or transition period, taking into account the concerns reflected in your letter dated July 30, 2024.

As noted, CMS shares your goal of maintaining coverage for essential health care services for the Texans served by your demonstration. We appreciate your communication and look forward to continuing to work on your extension application.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Tsai  
Deputy Administrator and Director

Enclosure

cc: Ford Blount, III, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group