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State Demonstrations Group

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Stephanie Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
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Dear Stephanie Azar:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a second temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Alabama Plan First" (Project Number 11-W-00133/4), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue to work together on the state's extension application submitted on November 30, 2021. This demonstration will now expire September 30, 2024.

CMS's 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 and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts (as of Demonstration Year 22) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until September 30, 2024 or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner.

For this temporary extension period, the state must continue to monitor its demonstration as stipulated in the current STCs. In addition, the state is required to include this and the prior temporary extension periods in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may include this and the prior temporary extension periods within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning November 27, 2017. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of this temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond September 30, 2024, the state may choose to include the temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Lorraine Nawara. Lorraine is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at lorraine.nawara1@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (443) 257-5069.

Sincerely,



Mehreen H. Rashid
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Rita Nimmons, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group