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Toby Douglas
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Dear Mr. Douglas:

Thank you for your recent request to amend California's section 1115(a) demonstration (11-W-00193/9), entitled "California Bridge to Reform Demonstration," to continue to make uncompensated care payments for optional services eliminated from the state plan provided by the Indian Health Service (IHS) tribal health programs operating under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to IHS-eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries for the remainder of the demonstration period. We have completed a preliminary review of the amendment in accordance with the Amendment Process Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and have determined that the state's amendment application has met the required elements.

CMS acknowledges receipt of the state's amendment application. The amendment application will now be posted on Medicaid.gov. The state's application is available at <http://medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/Waivers.html>.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the proposed amendment. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer Ms. Mehreen Hossain, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-0938, or at mehreen.hossain@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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