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Ms. Cindy Mann
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Dear Director Mann:

In my capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am writing to formally accept your approval of the extension of the Provisional Eligibility period for applicants with verification inconsistencies, under section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act, as described in the approval letter from CMS dated March 31, 2014.

As we continue to develop the necessary functionalities and capacity of the "HIX" system in order to make eligibility determinations, it is critical that the residents of the Commonwealth do not experience any gaps in coverage. The extension of the Provisional Eligibility period for individuals who apply prior to June 30, 2014, allows the Commonwealth to ensure that beneficiaries receive continuous coverage until the HIX system achieves full performance. We are always appreciative of the support that CMS provides as Massachusetts continues to maintain near universal health care coverage, as well as high quality and affordable care.

We thank you for the approval of our waiver request and look forward to our continued partnership in making health care reform a success.

Sincerely,


John Polanowicz

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