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Dear Ms. Thorn:

Thank you for your recent request to extend the Commonwealth's MassHealth section 1115 demonstration (11-W-00030/1). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your extension request on September 30, 2013. On April 27, 2012, CMS issued a final rule and guidance on section 1115 demonstration projects, outlining specific elements that need to be included in a state's extension request in order for CMS to determine that the request is complete. Once an extension request has been determined complete, CMS can begin the official review process, including initiation of the 30-day federal public comment period.

CMS has completed a preliminary review of your extension request in accordance with the April 27th final rule. CMS has determined that the Commonwealth's extension request has not met the requirements for a complete extension request as specified under section 42 C.F.R. § 431.412(c). The specific elements we identified during the review as missing are as follows:

- The public notice was missing information that is required under 42 C.F.R. §431.412(c)(2)(vii) and 42 C.F.R. §431.408(a)(3), specifically the state did not include information in its public notices that either of the public hearings had telephonic and/or Web conference capabilities as required by regulation;
- The Commonwealth needs to provide more detail on the identification of research hypotheses related to the changes and an evaluation design for addressing the proposed revisions; and
- The Commonwealth should state more clearly whether any additional waivers will be necessary for the requested changes.

At this time, we will not begin our 30-day federal public comment and notice process as specified under 42 C.F.R. § 431.416(b). Once we receive a revised extension request that includes the missing elements as further described above, or explains how the current request addresses the missing elements, we will conduct another preliminary review to determine if the

revised request is complete. We will notify you of our determination no later than 15 days after receipt of your revised extension request.

We look forward to working with you and your staff, and are available to provide technical assistance as you revise the state's extension request. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your project officer, Kathleen Engle, Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers, at (410) 786-1187, or at Kathleen.Engle@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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