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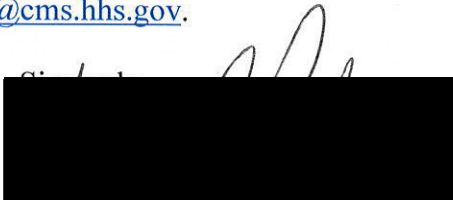
Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

Thank you for your recent application to extend the state's section 1115(a) family planning demonstration, entitled, "TAKE CHARGE" (Project No. #11-W-00134/0). The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your application on November 24, 2017 and has completed its preliminary review to find the state's extension application complete in accordance with section 42 CFR 431.416(a).

Washington's extension application will be posted on Medicaid.gov and the comment period will last 30 days as required by 42 CFR 431.416(b). The state's application will be available for public comment at https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/waivers_faceted.html.

Because the state needed additional time to develop its extension application and complete the state-level public notice and comment process, CMS is granting a temporary extension of the TAKE CHARGE family planning demonstration that is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2017, through April 30, 2018. This temporary extension will allow the state and CMS to continue working together on approval of the demonstration extension. This temporary extension is also necessary to align with the federal requirement of 42 CFR 431.416(e)(1) that does not permit CMS to render a final decision on a demonstration application until at least 45 days after notice of receipt of a completed application; i.e., 45 days after the date of this letter which is after the demonstration's current December 31, 2017 expiration date. The current Special Terms and Conditions and associated expenditure authorities will continue to apply to the Take Charge demonstration until April 30, 2018.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on the state's demonstration extension. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your CMS project officer, Mr. Emmett Ruff, at (410) 786-4252 or at Emmett.Ruff@cms.hhs.gov.


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