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State Demonstrations Group

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Traylor Rains
Chief Medicaid Director
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Director Rains:

This letter is to inform you that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a temporary extension of the state's section 1115 demonstration, entitled "SoonerCare" (Project Number 11-W-00048/6), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations on the state's extension application submitted on December 28, 2022. This demonstration will now expire on December 31, 2025.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STCs) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs, waivers, and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts as of Demonstration Year 27 will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until December 31, 2025, 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 period in its demonstration evaluation. The state may choose to include this and the prior temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning August 31, 2018. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report is due 18 months after the end of the temporary extension period. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond December 31, 2025, the state may choose to include the temporary extension periods in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Alicia Bazell. Alicia is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at Alicia.Bazell@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (410)786-9686.

Sincerely,

Jacey Cooper
Director
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cc: Michala Walker, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group