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State Demonstrations Group

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Melissa Miller
Medicaid Director
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd
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Dear Director Miller:

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, 2026.

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 and waiver authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration until December 31, 2026 or until the demonstration is extended, whichever is sooner. CMS acknowledges that section 71118 of subchapter C of chapter 1 of subtitle B of title VII of Public Law 119-21, which CMS refers to as the Working Families Tax Cuts (WFTC) legislation, adds a new subsection (g) to section 1115 of the Social Security Act with budget neutrality requirements that will apply beginning January 1, 2027, to CMS approvals of section 1115 Medicaid demonstration project applications, renewals, or amendments.¹ CMS intends to provide additional information prior to January 1, 2027 about the section 1115(g) requirements.

CMS also acknowledges that chapter 1 of subtitle B of the WFTC legislation makes other changes to the Medicaid and CHIP programs. To the extent that any of those changes will affect the authorities within this demonstration, CMS will partner with Oklahoma to ensure compliance with and successful implementation of changes as described in the WFTC during this temporary extension period.

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 the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may choose to include the 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, 2026, the state may choose to include the temporary extension period 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 communication, please contact me at Karen.Llanos@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen LLanos
Acting Director

cc: Stacey Steiner, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group