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## State Demonstrations Group

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Dear Ms. Aker:

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 "South Dakota Former Foster Care Youth" (Project Number 11-W-00319/8), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's extension application submitted on October 11, 2022. This demonstration will now expire July 31, 2023.

CMS's approval is conditioned upon the state's continued compliance with the special terms and conditions (STC) defining the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project. The current STCs and expenditure authorities will continue to apply during the temporary extension period of this demonstration. The state's current budget neutrality agreement and per member per month amounts will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until July 31, 2023 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 the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may include this temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2023. 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 July 31, 2023, the state may include this temporary extension period in the Evaluation Design and activities of the next full demonstration approval period. In this case, the Summative Evaluation Report for the current demonstration approval period from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2023 will still be due to CMS no later than October 31, 2024, and will be developed in alignment with the Evaluation Design approved on September 27, 2018. In the event that the state does not obtain an extension beyond July 31, 2023, the state must include the temporary extension period in its Summative Evaluation Report.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Ms. Valisha Andrus. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration. Ms. Andrus can be reached at [valisha.andrus@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:valisha.andrus@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Mandy Strom, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group