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Dear Ms. Kidder:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to inform you that Florida's request to extend its section 1115 demonstration, entitled "Florida Medicaid Section 1115 Family Planning Waiver" (Project Number: 11-W-00135/4) has been approved. CMS' approval of this demonstration extension is granted under the authority of section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act (the Act) and is effective as of the date of this letter through June 30, 2023.

The demonstration extends eligibility for family planning services, for a transitional period up to 24 months, to women ages 14 through 55 with family income at or below 191 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) who have lost Medicaid State Plan eligibility and are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or enrolled in other creditable health insurance coverage that provides family planning services. Individuals who meet this criteria will be eligible for a new 24-month demonstration coverage period upon each subsequent loss of Medicaid State Plan eligibility.

Demonstration projects under section 1115 of the Act offer a way to give states more freedom to test and evaluate innovative solutions to improve quality, accessibility, and health outcomes in a budget-neutral manner, provided that, in the judgment of the Secretary, the demonstration is likely to assist with promoting the objectives of Medicaid. Consistent with federal transparency requirements, CMS also considers all public comments received during both the state and federal public input periods when evaluating whether the demonstration project as a whole will likely assist in promoting the objectives of Medicaid.

Florida received one letter during its public comment period that supported the continuation of the family planning demonstration but recommended the state amend the program to expand eligibility guidelines, implement presumptive eligibility, and remove the guideline limiting coverage to women who are not enrolled in creditable health insurance coverage that provides family planning services. The state also received a question regarding possibly adjusting the age limit for the demonstration. The state reports that it considered these requests but determined that no changes to the demonstration extension application would be made as the parameters of

the Family Planning Waiver demonstration program are defined by Florida statute and therefore cannot be adjusted. CMS did not receive any responses during the federal public comment period.

After review of all the materials submitted by the state, as well as all public comments received, CMS determined that the Florida Medicaid Section 1115 Family Planning Waiver should be extended because it is likely to assist with promoting the objectives of title XIX of the Act by improving access to high-quality, person-centered family planning services that produce positive health outcomes for individuals.

CMS' approval of this demonstration project is subject to the state's compliance with the enclosed set of STCs and associated expenditure authorities. All Medicaid title XIX requirements as expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement not expressly identified as not applicable in these approval documents shall apply to the Family Planning Waiver demonstration program. The state's authority to deviate from Medicaid requirements is limited to the expenditure authorities and requirements specifically listed as not applicable to such expenditure authorities, as described in the enclosed approval documents, and to the purpose(s) indicated.

This award is subject to your written acknowledgement of the award and acceptance of the STCs and associated expenditure authorities within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Your CMS project officer for this demonstration is Mr. Jack Nocito, who can be contacted to answer any questions concerning the implementation of this demonstration at 410-786-0199 or at Jack.Nocito@cms.hhs.gov. Official communications regarding program matters and correspondence concerning the demonstration should be submitted to him at the following address:

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Official communications regarding this demonstration should be sent simultaneously to Mr. Nocito and to Ms. Shantrina Roberts, Associate Regional Administrator (ARA) for the Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations in our Atlanta Regional Office. Ms. Roberts' contact information is as follows:

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If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Mrs. Judith Cash, Director, State Demonstrations Group, Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services at (410) 786-9686.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Traylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "T".

Chris Traylor
Deputy Administrator and Director

cc: Shantrina Roberts, ARA, CMS Atlanta Regional Office