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Dr. Judy Mohr Peterson
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Dear Dr. Mohr Peterson:

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 "Hawaii QUEST Integration" (Project Number 11-W00001/9), in order to allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the state's demonstration extension application submitted on January 17, 2024. This demonstration will now expire March 31, 2025.

CMS has also approved a temporary extension of Hawaii's existing COVID-19 Attachment K authorities under the state's demonstration. This temporary extension will allow the state and CMS to continue negotiations over the request submitted on October 27, 2023, which requested to make certain Attachment K authorities long-term components of the demonstration. The COVID-19 Attachment K authorities will now expire March 31, 2025.

CMS's approvals are 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, waivers, 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 (as of Demonstration Year 30) will continue to apply as described in the STCs, until March 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 the temporary extension period in its demonstration's evaluation. The state may include the temporary extension period within its summative evaluation for the demonstration approval period beginning August 1, 2019. Alternatively, if CMS approves an extension beyond March 31, 2025, the state may 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 Jamie John. She is available to answer any questions concerning your section 1115 demonstration and can be reached at

Jamie.John@cms.hhs.gov. If you have questions regarding this communication, please contact me at (410) 786-9686.

Sincerely,

Jacey Cooper
Director

cc: Brian Zolynas, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group