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Mr. Richard Jensen, Director
Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers
Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey and Certification
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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Dear Mr. Jensen:

The State is requesting a temporary extension of Florida's 1115 Medicaid Reform Waiver through the end of the month of August. The current extension is scheduled to expire on August 14, 2011. The State is seeking an extension to maintain operations while the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) works with the Office of Management (OMB) regarding the expiration date and funding level of the State's Low Income Pool (LIP). Specifically, the State understands that CMS and OMB continue to evaluate the termination of all supplemental funding pools with an end date of December 2013, including Florida's LIP which would result in a substantial reduction of LIP funding.

Based on subsequent discussions with CMS, it has been noted that CMS continues to work with OMB on a determination. Due to the critical nature of the funding, the State is requesting the extension of the current waiver and awaits a final determination by CMS. The State continues to seek a June 2014 expiration date and full funding for LIP for State Fiscal Year 2013-2014. This temporary extension will ensure continued service delivery to Medicaid recipients while the State awaits CMS's decision.

We appreciate your efforts in working with us on the renewal of this waiver. Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Macdonald at (850) 412-4031.

Sincerely,

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