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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:

As discussed, the State is requesting a temporary extension of Florida's 1115 Medicaid Reform Waiver through November 15, 2011. The current extension is scheduled to expire on October 31, 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 and Budget (OMB) regarding the expiration date and the funding level of the State's Low Income Pool (LIP) as well as to finalize the Special Terms and Conditions of the waiver. As previously noted, 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.

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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