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Ms. Cynthia Mann
Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
7500 Security Boulevard, MS S2-26-12
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Dear Ms. Mann:

New York State formally requests an amendment to our Section 1115 Partnership Plan Waiver (11-W-00114/2) to allow the state to reinvest federal savings generated through the historic efforts of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team. This groundbreaking waiver amendment's broad objectives are consistent with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Triple Aim: better health, better care, and lower costs. The state proposes to use the waiver amendment to reinvest in the state's health care system, pave the way for implementation of national health care reform and continue to make New York a national health care reform model.

The attached document outlines reinvestment strategies to be funded through up to \$10 billion of the \$17.1 billion in federal savings generated by Medicaid Redesign Team reforms. In order to implement the proposals in a timely manner, we are requesting your expedited review of the waiver amendment request. My staff will be available to discuss the individual proposals at your convenience. We appreciate the anticipated cooperation and assistance of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

We look forward to working with you to finalize the Special Terms and Conditions so that New York State can move forward with implementing groundbreaking initiatives that are critical to redesigning New York's health care infrastructure and meeting the requirements of national health care reform.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid Director
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Attachment

cc: Jessica Schubel
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