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Dear Ms. Wachino:

Thank you for speaking with me last week regarding Texas' Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. As we discussed, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) submitted the required independent evaluation of Texas' Uncompensated Care (UC) program and DSRIP program on August 31, 2016. As such, HHSC is ready to move forward with negotiations regarding the waiver. Please see the attached waiver extension application that was submitted on September 30, 2015. The application remains unchanged.

HHSC would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in October. In advance of the visit, it would be most helpful if you could share CMS' initial analysis and any proposals related to the uncompensated care study at least seven days prior to our meeting. Having CMS' analysis prior to the visit will facilitate HHSC's preparedness and ensure a more productive meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Ardas Khalsa, Deputy Medicaid/CHIP Director, serves as the lead staff on this matter and can be reached by telephone at (512) 707-6105 or by email at Ardas.Khalsa@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Smith".

Charles Smith

Attachments

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