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Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independent Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20201

RE: Extension of Vermont's Long-term Care 1115 Demonstration Waiver

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The State of Vermont Agency of Human Services respectfully requests an extension of our current Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver, based upon Section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act. The original waiver to operate the Vermont Choices for Care long-term care program was granted for the five (5) year period from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2010.

My staff in the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) have had on-going discussions with CMS staff, Jean Close in the Baltimore office and Chong Tieng from the Regional Office. Both are aware of our desire to extend the demonstration period an additional three (3) years from October 1, 2010 to September, 30 2013. We will supply the required supporting documentation.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

James Douglas
Governor

Cc: Robert Hofmann, Secretary, AHS
Joan Senecal, Commissioner, DAIL
Jean Close, CMS/CO
Chong Tieng, CMS/RO
Lorraine Wargo, DAIL/DDAS Director
Adele Edelman, DAIL/ASU Director