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## Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group

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Mr. Brett Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

cc:

In response to the request from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 70-day extension of Wisconsin's Family Care Program section 1915(b) waiver authority (WI-07.R04). The State's operating authority for the program is currently under a temporary extension, which will expire on May 14, 2012. This third temporary extension allows the waiver to continue operating with Federal financial participation (FFP) through July 23, 2012 at cost and utilization levels approved for the last year of the waiver program (i.e., 2011).

This third temporary extension approval is granted in order to allow the State additional time to assist CMS in the review of the waiver program's renewal application.

At the State's request, CMS will continue to offer technical assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Chickering of the Chicago Regional Office at 312-886-0326 or David M. Reed of my office at 410-786-0861.

Sincerely,

Barbara Coulter Edwards

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