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Dear Ms. Edwards,

Enclosed is Kentucky's 1915(b) waiver application for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program with supporting documentation. The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services has been in continuous communication with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding this waiver submission. The State was instructed to submit all completed documentation in order for CMS to begin review of the waiver application with the understanding that the actuarial certification will be forwarded to CMS as soon as the certification is finalized.

In addition to the waiver application submission, the State is making an official request for a temporary extension to Kentucky's NEMT 1915(b) waiver denoted as KY 06.01. The temporary extension is being requested to allow the Department for Medicaid Services adequate time to obtain a new actuarial certification, review and approve current rates, and revise the cost effectiveness table. The extension is requested through December 30, 2014 or until the actuarial certification is reviewed and approved by CMS.

Kentucky's NEMT program has been in place for approximately 15 years and serves a vital role in providing access to medically necessary services for Kentucky's most vulnerable population. Your favorable consideration of this temporary extension is greatly appreciated.

If you have additional questions regarding the NEMT program or the enclosed Independent Assessment, please contact Neville Wise or Lisa Lee at 502-564-4321.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Kissner, Commissioner

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