



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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June 30, 2015

Ms. Sylvia Mathews Burwell,
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Renewal of Minnesota's Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus

Dear Secretary Burwell:

This is a request to renew Minnesota's PMAP+ Section 1115 waiver, which expires on December 31, 2015. The PMAP+ waiver has been in place for over 20 years, primarily as the federal authority for the MinnesotaCare program. The MinnesotaCare program provided comprehensive health care through Medicaid funding for people with income in excess of the standards in the Medical Assistance program. On January 1, 2015, the MinnesotaCare program converted to a Basic Health Plan.

Even though the PMAP+ waiver is no longer necessary to continue the MinnesotaCare program, the PMAP+ waiver is necessary to continue operating some aspects of Minnesota's current Medical Assistance program. The proposed waiver extension seeks to renew longstanding authorities for Minnesota's Medicaid program, including authorization of medical education funding; preserving eligibility methods currently in use for children ages 12 to 23 months; and simplifying the definition of a parent or caretaker relative to include people caring for children under age 19. The extension also seeks to continue federal authority to provide full medical assistance benefits for pregnant women during the period of presumptive eligibility.

I look forward to working with you toward approval of this renewal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Vikki Wachino, Deputy Administrator and Director, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Ruth Hughes, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations