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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Vanessa Khoo, Project Officer
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
7500 Security Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21244

Re: **Request to Extend Florida 1115 Filing Deadline**

Dear Ms. Khoo:

As we reported to you and CMCS staff earlier today by email, we have received multiple reports that individuals and organizations are unable to submit comments regarding Florida's Section 1115 Medical Managed Assistance waiver. The new "registration" system is not working; we can confirm that we are unable to file comments even when using a registered account.

We appreciate that CMCS staff has provided us with email addresses – which we have begun to distribute. However, we are concerned that it may take time to distribute those addresses and, of course, there may be countless commenters who have no connection to us and instead simply give up on commenting. Considering the deadline is less than a week away and the website is not working, **we request that CMS: (1) immediately post on the comment website an alert indicating that the website is down and an email address as an alternative for submitting comments; and (2) extend the deadline for comments until at least one week *after* the website is fixed.**

Thank you for considering this request. If you have questions, please contact me at cuello@healthlaw.org.

Sincerely,

Leonardo Cuello
Director of Health Policy