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Ms. Barbara Edwards, Director
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Dear Ms. Edwards,

On July 11, 2012, staff from CMS Region V requested that the State ask for a 90-day temporary extension for the current waiver. The stated reason for the extension was to allow CMS time to review the state plan amendment that the Department is developing to implement changes described in the waiver renewal.

In response to your request and to the concerns expressed by families over the tight timeframe for transitioning to a restructured program, I am writing to request a 90-day extension for the renewal application for the Illinois Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for children who are medically fragile, technology dependent (CMS Control Number 0278). In accordance with 42 CFR 441.304(c), the State may request an extension to assist with meeting the statutory and regulatory waiver requirements. We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Theresa Eagleson, Medicaid Director

cc: Verlon Johnson, Region V, CMS
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Julie Hamos, Director, HFS