

TAB C - LETTER TO GOVS
RE: STATUS OF WAIVERS



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Roy Romer
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Romer:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your Section 1115 waiver application on June 30, 1993. On August 9, we sent your staff an initial analysis paper outlining the issues which require further clarification or discussion. If agreement can be reached on these issues, we will be in a position then to draft the terms and conditions of the waiver.

Together, the States and the Federal government can form a true partnership to improve the services we deliver to all Americans. If you have any questions regarding the waiver process or the status of your waiver, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff call John Monahan, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 690-6060, or David Siegel of the Administration for Children and Families at (202) 401-9215.

Sincerely,

Donna E. Shalala



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Jim Edgar
Governor of Illinois
State Capitol, Room 207
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Edgar:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received Illinois' waiver application for the "One Step At A Time" project on October 7, 1992. Pursuant to a request from your staff, we are deferring any final action on this project until the State has completed its review of possible refinements or redesigns of the proposal.

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The Honorable Terry Branstad
Governor of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319-0001

Dear Governor Branstad:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing effective welfare reform and health care waivers for your State.

As you know, we received Iowa's application for a waiver to implement the "Iowa Family Investment Program" on April 29, 1993. Since then, discussions have been held between our respective staffs to address a number of specific provisions contained in the waiver application. In this regard I am informed that we are close to agreement on all major issues; you can be assured that a final decision on this waiver application will be issued in the very near future.

We received your waiver application for the "Iowa Medicaid Demonstration Project on Asset Transfers" on April 5, 1993. In the ensuing months, our staffs have worked closely to identify and clarify issues of concern. Again, I anticipate final action on this proposal shortly.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process or the status of your waiver, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff call John Monahan, Director of Intergovernmental

Affairs, at (202) 690-6060, David Siegel of the Administration for Children and Families at (202) 401-9215, or Richard Chambers of the Health Care Financing Administration at (202) 690-8501.

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The Honorable Brereton C. Jones
Governor of Kentucky
State Capitol
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Governor Jones:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your waiver application for the "Kentucky Medicaid Access and Cost Containment Demonstration Project" on March 30, 1993. Since then, our respective staffs have worked closely to identify and clarify issues of concern. I anticipate final action on this proposal in the very near future.

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The Honorable William Weld
Governor of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Weld:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your application for a child care co-payment demonstration on January 14, 1993. Since then, our respective staffs have discussed a number of issues relating to this proposal. My staff will be sending to you in the near future an analysis of the issues which remain to be resolved, which include the impact of co-payments on the monthly grant benefits of recipients.

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The Honorable David Walters
Governor of Oklahoma
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Walters:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your application for a waiver concerning school attendance by certain recipients on December 28, 1992. We reviewed the proposal and forwarded to your staff for review and comment draft terms and conditions on July 16, 1993. Once agreement is reached on the terms and conditions for the demonstration, we will be in a position to issue a final decision on this waiver application.

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The Honorable Bruce Sundlun
Governor of Rhode Island
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Governor Sundlun:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your waiver application for the "Rhode Island Rite Care Project" on July 2, 1993. Since then, our respective staffs have worked closely to identify and clarify issues of concern. I anticipate final action on this proposal in the very near future.

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The Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.
Governor of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11369
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Governor Campbell:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing effective welfare reform and health care waivers for your State.

As you know, we received your application for a work experience waiver on December 9, 1992. Since that time, I understand discussions between our respective staffs have resulted in amendments to the original application. On July 20, 1993, we forwarded to your staff our comments about the proposed amendments as well as our concerns about the proposed sanction for non-compliance. These issues will need to be fully resolved before I will be in a position to issue a final decision on the waiver application.

The Department received your revised waiver application for the "Proposed Extension of Medicaid Benefits for Post Partum Women" on June 23, 1993. Our respective staffs have worked closely since that time to identify and clarify issues of concern. I anticipate final action on this proposal in the very near future.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver process or the status of your waiver, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff call John Monahan, Director of Intergovernmental

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The Honorable Ned Ray McWherter
Governor of Tennessee
State Capitol
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Dear Governor McWherter:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. As we discussed recently, I am committed to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State. We received your waiver application for the "TennCare Program" on June 17, 1993. Since then, our respective staffs have worked closely to identify and clarify issues of concern. I anticipate final action on this proposal by September 17, 1993.

If you have any further questions regarding the waiver process or the status of your waiver, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff call John Monahan, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 690-6060, or Richard Chambers of the Health Care Financing Administration at (202) 690-8501.

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The Honorable Douglas Wilder
Governor of Virginia
State Capitol
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Governor Wilder:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your application for a multi-faceted demonstration on July 16, 1993. At this time, our review of the waiver is in its initial stages. We will forward to your staff an analysis paper outlining the issues we believe need further clarification or review by August 12, 1993. I would also note that the scope of this waiver is such that the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Housing and Urban Development will need to address certain portions.

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The Honorable Michael Sullivan
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002-0001

Dear Governor Sullivan:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective welfare reform waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your waiver application for the "New Opportunities and New Responsibilities Program" on May 20, 1993. Since then, our respective staffs have worked closely to develop the terms and conditions of the waiver. I anticipate final action on this proposal in the very near future.

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The Honorable Lawton Chiles
Governor of Florida
State Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Chiles:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State.

As you know, on April 7, we received your request for renewal of your home and community-based services waiver which serves frail elderly individuals in Broward and Dade counties. This waiver is known as the "Channeling Waiver." Since then, our respective staffs have worked closely to resolve pending issues. As a result, I anticipate this renewal request can be approved in the very near future.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

The Honorable Robert P. Casey
Governor of Pennsylvania
245 East Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Casey:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State.

As you know, we received Pennsylvania's waiver modification request to expand the HealthPASS managed care waiver program, and on March 15, 1993, the Health Care Financing Administration requested additional information from Pennsylvania. The State responded to HCFA's request on June 1. I anticipate a decision will be made on this matter by August 30, 1993.

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The Honorable Jim Folsom, Jr.
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
Montgomery, AL 36130-0001

Dear Governor Folsom:

At the NGA winter meeting last February, President Clinton and the nation's Governors discussed ways in which the Administration could encourage a streamlined approach to the development and implementation of innovative health and welfare waiver experiments. Since then, the Department of Health and Human Services has had extensive consultations with representatives from the States and NGA to find ways to facilitate this objective.

At the same time, the Department is working very hard to expedite the existing waiver process and thereby realize the potential for State experimentation in health and welfare programs. Let me take this opportunity to reiterate my commitment to work with you in developing an effective health care waiver for your State.

As you know, we received your request for a renewal of your home and community-based services waiver which serves mentally retarded/developmentally disabled individuals on June 21, 1993. While several matters need to be resolved before a decision is finalized, we are prepared to provide whatever assistance is needed to resolve the outstanding issues.

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