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**Statement by
SECRETARY THOMAS W. ARNOLD
Regarding Status of Federal CMS Review of Florida Medicaid's Request for
Extension to Medicaid Reform Demonstration**

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) submitted a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for extension of the Florida Medicaid Reform Demonstration on June 30, 2010. In a [letter](#) dated August 17, 2010, federal CMS notified the Agency that it will review and process the State's request under an authority that calls for continued negotiation with the Agency. The waiver request has not been denied and the current waiver does not expire until June 30, 2011.

"We have been in direct contact with our federal partners on this issue and I feel confident that we will renew our waiver. Our focus is to maintain stability for the 266,922 Floridians who are currently enrolled in Reform plans in Baker, Broward, Clay, Duval and Nassau Counties and to advocate for Low Income Pool compensation for the uninsured."

For more information on the state's Medicaid Reform waiver extension request, please click [here](#).

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