



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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June 24, 2019

Bill Brooks  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Dallas Regional Office  
1301 Young Street, Room 833  
Dallas, Texas 75202

RE: Extension Request for Response to CMS' Request for Information in Regards to the State of Oklahoma's Opioid Litigation against Certain Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Dear Mr. Brooks:

On June 17, 2019, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) received CMS' letter via email, dated June 12, 2019, regarding the State of Oklahoma's opioid litigation against certain pharmaceutical manufacturers and the March 26, 2019 consent judgment with respect to the Purdue defendant. The OHCA did not receive a hard copy of the letter as it was sent to a former OHCA address. In the letter, CMS requests that the OHCA provide information in regards to the settlement and information the OHCA provided to the Oklahoma State Attorney General's Office. I write this letter today to respectfully ask for a ninety-day extension, which would make a response due to CMS on October 12, 2019.

As I believe you are aware, the OHCA is not a party to the litigation and was not part of the settlement process. Therefore, much of the information requested by CMS, including any documentation that demonstrates the amount of Medicaid funds expended and discovery documentation, is contained within the Attorney General's Office. Due to the fact that the amount of information CMS is requesting is voluminous and that the Attorney General's Office is currently in litigation on the opioid lawsuit, the OHCA is requesting an extension of the response deadline. An extension would afford the OHCA and the Attorney General's Office the time needed to develop a detailed response for CMS. We would appreciate receiving confirmation as to whether the extension request can be approved as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard