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Mr. Brian Neale  
Director  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop: S2-26-12  
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Dear Mr. Neale:

The State of Texas submits the attached application to request a waiver for the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) program under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act. As part of the application request, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has implemented public notice activities in compliance with federal transparency requirements and public and tribal consultation requirements.

Through the HTW Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver (HTW demonstration), HHSC seeks to enhance women's health care services. The HTW demonstration will provide family planning services as well as other women's health services that contribute to preconception care, better birth outcomes and improved maternal health in Texas. The proposed effective date for the waiver is September 1, 2018, for a five-year period ending August 31, 2023.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this waiver application request. If you have any questions, please contact Jami Snyder, Associate Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP Services, at (512) 707-6096 or via email at [Jami.Snyder@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Jami.Snyder@hhsc.state.tx.us). We look forward to working with you and your staff on the HTW demonstration waiver.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor

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Attachment