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Tim Englehardt
Acting Director, CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office
c/o Rayva Virginkar
Department of Health and Human Services
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

RE: Intent to extend Colorado's Medicare-Medicaid Demonstration

Dear Mr Englehardt:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) appreciates the opportunity to extend our Medicare-Medicaid financial alignment demonstration and is excited to continue this important work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Department requests to extend the program through December 2019.

Colorado's Accountable Care Collaborative: Medicare-Medicaid Program (ACC: MMP) began in September 2014, enrolling nearly 32,000 eligible individuals through a seven month phased-in enrollment process. The program was authorized by the CMS as a Financial Alignment demonstration and is scheduled to conclude December 2017. The program provided the first opportunity for the Department to enroll Medicare-Medicaid clients into the ACC.

Successful continuation of this program is dependent upon ongoing and meaningful stakeholder engagement, which has been a central pillar of the ACC: MMP. The ACC: MMP advisory subcommittee - which is comprised of a wide variety of stakeholders including beneficiaries, advocates, providers of many types, foundations, and trade groups - meets regularly and is currently focused on key program evaluation and quality improvement activities. The subcommittee has reviewed the results of our Regional Care Collaborative Organization (RCCO) site visits, client interviews and town halls and made recommendations for program improvements and new strategies for reaching clients and providers.

We look forward to our continued partnership in serving our Medicare-Medicaid clients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susan E. Birch', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Susan E. Birch, MBA, BSN, RN
Executive Director

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