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RE: DMMA Proposed Medicaid Coverage of Prescribed Drugs Regulation [17 DE Reg. 951 (April 1, 2014)]

Dear Ms. Summers:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) proposal to amend the Delaware Medicaid State Plan as it relates to Medicaid coverage of certain prescribed drugs. Effective January 1, 2014 the Affordable Care Act (ACA) disallows restricting access to barbiturates, benzodiazepines, and agents used to promote smoking cessation. Therefore, the DMMA is proposing a technical amendment to conform to the ACA. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our observations. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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