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**RE: DMMA Proposed Delaware Healthy Children Program Premium Regulation [18 DE Reg. 183 (September 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 modify its schedule of Delaware Healthy Children Program premiums to align with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance based on the Affordable Care Act. The Delaware Healthy Children Program is the Delaware version of the federal State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and is designed to provide health insurance to uninsured, low income children not eligible for Medicaid. Historically, Delaware has charged a monthly premium as a condition of eligibility. Since the proposed changes are being prompted by CMS guidance and benefit low-income families with children, Council **endorses** the proposed changes.

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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