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RE: DMMA Proposed Delaware Healthy Children Program-Vision Coverage Regulation [20 DE Reg. 610 (February 1, 2017)]

Dear Ms. Xavier:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance (DMMA) proposal to expand vision services available to a subset of Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP) beneficiaries. Under the current proposal, DMMA would contract with a non-profit Medicaid provider to offer free eye exams and glasses on site at Title I Delaware schools in which at least 51% of the student body receives free or reduced price meals. At 611. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed coverage since vision services would benefit low-income children and the proposal leverages significant federal funding.

Thank you for your consideration of our endorsement. Please contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dafne A. Carnright
Chairperson

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