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RE: DMMA Proposed Title XXI CHIP Compliance with MHPAEA Regulation [21 DE Reg. 608 (February 1, 2018)]

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medicare Assistance (DMMA) proposal to amend its Title XXI CHIP Plan regarding the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA). These amendments are being proposed in order to align the Delaware CHIP Plan with new Federal requirements. The changes seek to ensure that coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders is no more restrictive than coverage for medical/surgical conditions. Council **endorses** the proposed amendments as they appear to be compatible with the requirements of the federal statutes and guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

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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