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DMMA Proposed Chiropractic Services Regulation [22 DE Reg. 566 (January 1, 2019)]

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DHSS/DMMA) proposal to amend Title XIX Medicaid State Plan and the DMMA Provider Policy Specific Manual regarding chiropractic services. The proposed regulation would specifically remove annual numerical limitations placed on chiropractic care visits for the purpose of treating back pain. This amendment is meant to align with Senate Bill 225, an Act to Amend Title 16, Title 24, Title 29, and Title 31 of the Delaware Code Relating to Insurance Coverage for the Treatment of Back Pain. This Act encourages the use of proven non-opioid methods of treating back pain by prohibiting numerical limits of chiropractic care. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed amendment and would encourage DHSS and DMMA to expand access to alternative pain care treatment options.

Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office if you have questions on our endorsement. Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments with you.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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Chairperson

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