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DMMA Proposed Eligibility Determination Regulation [22 DE Reg. 570 (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 the Delaware Social Services Manual (DSSM) regarding Eligibility Determination, specifically, in order to align state and federal policy. Council <u>endorses</u> the proposed amendment as it clarifies that it is the disability or blindness which must have begun prior to reaching 22 years of age. This amendment is necessary to ensure the rights of this vulnerable group of adults with disabilities.

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,

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