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**RE: 23 DE Reg. 186 [DMMA Proposed Acute Inpatient Hospital Readmission Claims Regulation (September 1, 2019)]**

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the DMMA proposal to amend the Inpatient Hospital Provider Policy Manual regarding acute inpatient hospital readmissions claims. Currently, the Delaware Medical Assistance (DMAP) Medical Review Team reviews claims for acute care hospital services for patients readmitted within 10 days of discharge from the same hospital. The DMMA proposed regulation updates the readmission time interval from 10 days to 30 days. This proposed amendment aligns with the timeframe described in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's definition of a hospital readmission. The increase to 30 days benefits patients and will encourage providers of acute care services to more carefully avoid premature discharge and inadequate discharge planning. Council supports this proposed amendment.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our comments with you. Please contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Ann C Fisher*

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Chairperson

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