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RE: 23 DE Reg. 188 [DMMA Proposed Telehealth Services Originating Site Fees Regulation (September 1, 2019)]

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the DMMA proposal to amend the Title XIX Medicaid State Plan regarding telehealth services, specifically adding facilities to which originating sites fees can be paid. Council supports the proposed amendment.

Telehealth seeks to improve a patient's health by permitting two-way real time interactive communication between the patient and the physician or practitioner at a distant site. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) note that telehealth is a cost-effective alternative to the more traditional face-to-face way of providing medical care and that states can choose to cover under Medicaid. Telehealth is an innovative method for health care delivery. Including Federally Qualified Health Centers and School Based Wellness Centers among facilities to which originating sites can be paid will increase access to telehealth.

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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