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Planning and Policy Unit
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RE: 27 DE Reg. 237 DHSS/DMMA Pharmacy Value Based Purchasing Regulations (October 1, 2023)

To Whom It May Concern:

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 in order to participate in the Pharmacy Value Based Purchasing (VPB) Program. Council **supports** the proposed amendments.

Currently, Delaware does not have a State Plan Amendment (SPA) that permits participation in the VBP program. The proposed amendments would allow participation. Specifically, the proposed amendments state: "The State may enter into value-based contracts with manufacturers on a voluntary basis." (§12.a). The proposed amendments are subject to approval by the CMS. As costs for prescription drugs is always a concern, especially for persons with disabilities and low incomes, allowing the State to participate in a program that could reduce the costs for drugs for Medicaid beneficiaries is prudent and worthwhile. We appreciate the DHSS/DMMA proposal to amend the Medicaid State Plan in order to participate in the VPB Program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support. Please feel free to contact Pam Weir or me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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Chairperson

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