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## RE: <u>28 DE Reg. 358 DHSS/DMMA Proposed Cellular and Gene Therapy Regulations</u> (November 1, 2024)]

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 to change pricing logic for clotting factors and specialty medications to control costs related to genetic therapy for sickle cell disease. Council **supports** this amendment of the state plan. This amendment is an important step in providing access to treatment for a disease that until now had no curative treatment and negatively affects so many young African Americans.

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

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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