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The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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RE: Request to Extend the Illinois Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative Demonstration

Dear Ms. Verma:

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services ("Department") is formally requesting an extension of the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI) demonstration through at least December 31, 2020, with a possible contract extension through December 31, 2022. Participating in the Demonstration through at least December 31, 2020 will provide valuable time for the new Administration in Illinois, which took office mid-January 2019, to consider and analyze available savings, utilization, quality, and administrative data to assess the long-term viability of this payment model compared to alternative payment models, including Dual Eligible Special Need Plans (D-SNPs) and Chronic Condition Special Need Plans (C-SNPs).

The Department welcomes the opportunity to further discuss this extension request, as well as the state's continued commitment to integrated, patient-centered care; stakeholder engagement; and its partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office. Please contact Laura Ray, Bureau Chief of the Department's Bureau of Managed Care, at 217-524-7478 or laura.ray@illinois.gov if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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