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Comment: Dear Ms. Hamos: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Cook County's Medicaid 1115 waiver application to the federal government. If approved, the waiver has the potential to significantly improve access to comprehensive medical care for people with HIV and other chronic diseases in Cook County. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago strongly supports the waiver application. We estimate that over 1,800 people with HIV will be eligible for services funded through the waiver. Today, these individuals have access to HIV drugs only through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and cannot get medications to treat any co-occurring conditions, such as diabetes, depression, or asthma. The waiver will provide them with access to a comprehensive formulary of medications. The 1115 waiver proposal has the potential to greatly improve care and lower costs. We see too often the effects of un-coordinated care that results in needless hospitalizations or emergency room use or repeated tests. There are exciting opportunities to coordinate care management with Ryan White-funded case management. We have attached a fact sheet that outlines possible interactions between the waiver and Ryan White funded services. As always, we look forward to partnering with you over the next several months to make this waiver application a success. You can reach me at (312)-334-0921 or jpeller@aidschicago.org. Sincerely, John Peller Vice President of Policy AIDS Foundation of Chicago

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