

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2009

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DMMA
Planning & Policy Development Unit

FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 13 DE Reg. 370 [DMMA Diamond State Health Plan Waiver Extension]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance's (DMMAs) proposal to renew its Delaware Section 115 demonstration waiver, entitled *Diamond State Health Plan*, for an additional 3 years (January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012) with no changes to waiver standards. The proposed regulation was published as 13DE Reg. 370 in the September 1, 2009 issue of the Register of Regulations.

SCPD endorses the proposal since this is essentially a "housekeeping" measure, and other states are actually "cutting back" on Medicaid programs not constrained by federal stimulus funds.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations on the proposed regulation.

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