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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2013

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DMMA
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FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 16 DE Reg. 921 [DMMA Proposed Increased Medicaid Primary Care Service
Payment Regulation]

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 amend the Medicaid State Plan to conform to changes prompted by the federal Affordable Care Act. The proposed regulation was published as 16 DE Reg. 921 in the March 1, 2013 issue of the Register of Regulations.

In a nutshell, states are required to adjust Medicaid payment rates for certain primary care services in 2013 and 2014 to ensure that they at least match certain Medicare rates. States are also required to adjust fees for vaccine administration under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to match the greater of a Medicare rate and VFC regional maximum amount. The federal government will cover 100% of the costs of the difference between the current State payment rates and the new rates so there is no State fiscal impact.

SCPD endorses the proposed regulation since the changes are required to conform to federal law and CMS guidance.

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

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