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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2019

TO: Mr. Glyne Williams, DMMA
Planning Policy and Development Unit

FROM: J. Todd Webb- Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 22 DE Reg.871 [DMMA Proposed State Plan Amendment for Pathways Program
(April 1, 2019)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance's (DMMAs) proposal to renew the State Plan Amendment (SPA) for the Pathways to Employment Program. This proposal was published as a General Notice at 22 DE Reg. 871 in the April 1, 2019 issue of the Register of Regulations.

DMMA is filing a state plan amendment with CMS to renew the Pathways to Employment Program optional state Medicaid service under Section 1915(i). This is an application for a five year renewal of the Pathways to Employment Program for individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, visual impairments, autism spectrum disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and physical disabilities ages 14-25. This SPA proposes to increase participation from the current 430 individuals to 600 individuals by 2024 and adds data collection and performance measures regarding assessments of eligibility to the Quality Improvement Strategy section.

SCPD strongly endorses the application for a 5 year extension of The Pathways to Employment Program since it provides significant supports to youth with disabilities¹ leading to competitive employment.

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

¹ https://dhss.delaware.gov/dsaapd/files/pathways_presentation.pdf

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