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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2017

TO: Ms. Kimberly Xavier, DMMA
Planning & Policy Development Unit

FROM: Ms. Jamie Wolfe, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 20 DE Reg. 694 [DMMA Proposed Medicaid Eligibility of Former Foster Youth Regulation
(3/1/17)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance's (DMMA) proposed regulation to expand the eligible population to young adults who aged out of the foster care system of another state. The proposed regulation was published as 20 DE Reg. 694 in the March 1, 2017 issue of the Register of Regulations.

Consistent with federal law, DMMA currently provides Medicaid coverage to former foster care youth who have aged out of Delaware's foster care system until age 26. The financial impact of this initiative would be modest:

In state fiscal year 2016 there were approximately 150 former foster youth that aged out of Delaware's foster care system that were eligible for Medicaid under the ACA. Extending this rule to former foster youth from other states would most likely result in very few new clients and therefore won't have a significant fiscal impact.

At 696.

There would be no income or resource cap for this population. Id.

A disproportionate number of foster care youth have disabilities and transition to adulthood is often

difficult. The availability of Medicaid to this constituency would be a significant support and is analogous to the option of youth who remain on their parent's private health insurance through age 26.

The SCPD is endorsing the proposed regulation. may wish to consider endorsement with a courtesy copy to the Office of the Child Advocate and Steve Yeatman at DSCY&F.

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

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