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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2018

TO: Ms. Nicole Cunningham, DMMA
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FROM: Nicholas J. Fina, Ed.D - Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 21 DE Reg. 951 [DMMA Proposed State Plan Amendment related to Accreditation of Home Health Agencies Regulation (June, 2018)]

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's) proposed regulation to expand eligibility for participation in Medicaid to HHAs who are accredited by other means. The proposed regulation was published as 21 DE Reg. 951 in the June 1, 2018 issue of the Register of Regulations. The SCPD has the following observations.

The proposed change references the National Association for Home Care and Hospice for a list of accrediting agencies (attached). HHA will still be required to be licensed by the State. The preamble language in the regulation suggests the requiring Medicare accreditation is a barrier for some HHAs. As such, DMMA has worked with the provider community to provide alternatives.

The SCPD is endorsing the proposed change as it may improve the supply of HHAs, with the caveat that DMMA should be careful not to sacrifice quality control in order to acquire an adequate supply of HHAs, and that State agencies need to remain vigilant in their oversight of HHAs, regardless of their source of accreditation.

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

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Community Health Accreditation Program
 Phone: (212) 363-5555 or (800) 669-1656, ext. 242
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