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TO: Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) Board Chairwoman Partin and MAC Board Members

RE: Response to Children's Health Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Testimony Presented at the March 27, 2014 MAC Meeting

Dear Chairwoman Partin and MAC:

We are writing to address testimony presented by the Children's Health TAC at the MAC meeting on March 27, 2014.

- 1) Recommendation that Certified asthma educators are added as independent licensed Medicaid providers and be reimbursed at no less than the standard Medicare rate.

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will conduct an analysis of the cost, impact on health outcomes and other implications of authorizing this type of provider to serve our Medicaid population. We will share our decision with the MAC upon completion of the analysis.

Sincerely,

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