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Dear Ms. Mann:

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is pleased to submit with this letter the State of Maryland's §1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal Application (11-W-00099/3). This waiver permits Maryland to operate HealthChoice, its Medicaid managed care program that began in 1997. With this application, Maryland enters its fifth renewal cycle with provisions to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This application reflects upon the successes HealthChoice has experienced to date, along with introducing future projects and initiatives that will aid in Maryland's goal to provide quality healthcare for the state's growing Medicaid population.

With the implementation of the ACA, Maryland will expand its Medicaid program to offer coverage to adults with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. Maryland also plans to eliminate the waiting period for children eligible for Maryland Children's Health Program services who no longer have coverage under their parents' employer-sponsored insurance. We expect these changes, along with others, to significantly aid in reducing Maryland's uninsured population.

My staff and I look forward to working with your Administration during the §1115 (HealthChoice) Demonstration Waiver renewal process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of the Planning Administration, Tricia Roddy, via email at tricia.rodny@maryland.gov or via telephone at (410) 767-5809.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Deputy Secretary
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