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Dear Ms. Mann:

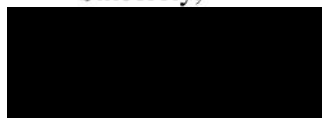
New York State requests revisions to our Section 1115 Demonstration programs (Partnership Plan, 11-W-00114/2 and F-SHRP, 11-W-00234/2) to further expand enrollment into Medicaid managed care pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign initiative.

This proposal eliminates exemptions and exclusions for two populations: 1) certain foster care children who are directly placed by the local social services departments; and, 2) non-dually eligible individuals participating in the Medicaid buy-in program for the working disabled. In addition, the State is requesting a further minor modification to the mainstream Medicaid managed care (MMMC) benefit package intended to ensure that individuals transitioning from the Section 1915-c Long Term Home Health Care Program (LTHHCP) have access to the services necessary for them to remain in the community. Specifically, we request that an additional non-State plan service – Home Delivered Meals – be covered by MMMC plans only for individuals transitioning from the LTHHCP who were in receipt of this benefit at the time of transition.

Enclosed is a detailed description of these proposed changes, as well as proposed revisions to the Special Terms and Conditions of the Partnership Plan and F-SHRP waivers. In order to implement these changes on April 1, 2013, we are requesting your expedited review of this request.

We appreciate the continued cooperation and assistance of CMS as we implement our Medicaid Redesign initiatives and look forward to working with you on the next phase of these important program changes.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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