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Dear State Medicaid Director:

This letter transmits a revised preprint initial application and renewal submittal for a "Proposal for a Section 1915(b) Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Waiver Program," and is specifically for use by States submitting initial applications and renewals for 1915(b) (PCCM) waivers.

This guidance was developed by the Health Care Financing Administration's (HCFA) central office and regional office staff, with review and comment by the Medicaid Managed Care Technical Advisory Group and the Office of Management and Budget. It updates the previous initial application and renewal submittal and focuses on the enrollment of special needs populations into Medicaid managed care systems. This was accomplished by incorporating issues from the September 1998 guide on "Key Approaches to the Use of Managed Care Systems for Persons with Special Health Care Needs" in the submittal. We also incorporated guidance from 19 State Medicaid Directors' letters related to Medicaid managed care provisions in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. When the Medicaid managed care final rule is published, this submittal will be revised accordingly.

This preprint submittal facilitates the waiver application and approval process and, thus, eliminates unnecessary and cumbersome paperwork requirements. Completion of this preprint in conjunction with the State Medicaid Manual instructions at section 2106-2112 will expedite your waiver request and HCFA's review of the waiver proposal. While the preprint is in the form of a check-off document, you will still need to provide detailed explanations in some areas.

All waiver requests under section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act (the Act) are subject to the requirements that the State document the cost effectiveness of the project, its effect on recipient access to services, and its projected impact. This model section 1915(b) waiver preprint will help States provide sufficient documentation in order for the Secretary to determine whether the statutory and regulatory requirements of section 1915(b) of the Act have been satisfied.

I hope that you find this preprint useful in requesting implementation authority of a 1915(b) waiver program involving PCCM programs. Any comments or questions regarding the document should be directed to Mike Fiore of my staff on (410) 786-0623 or mfiore@hcfa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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