

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Administrator Don Berwick
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Dr. Berwick:

We write to you in strong support of Connecticut's application for the Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice Demonstration (MAPCP). Connecticut is in an ideal position to successfully implement this program as part of a multi-state collaborative focused on developing a comprehensive framework reflecting the goals of the MAPCP.

Under MAPCP, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will participate in multi-payer reform initiatives that are currently being conducted by states to make advanced primary care practices more broadly available. We applaud CMS' efforts regarding these demonstrations in order to improve the quality of care and reduce health care costs for all Americans.

Following Secretary Sebelius's announcement of the MAPCP last year, Connecticut joined eight states to form an advanced primary care practice (APC) collaborative focused on developing an effective coordinated care model. During this time, the collaborative successfully leveraged private support and built a multi-state learning health system. Connecticut's current APC capacity fostered by this collaborative, as well as integration of core elements of the MAPCP requirements such as state coordination of disease prevention efforts and community support for participating practices, makes Connecticut an ideal applicant for the MAPCP.

As outlined in the initial application solicitation, we understand that CMS has the authority to enter into more than six MAPCP cooperative agreements. We believe that the collaborative model that Connecticut has been an active participant in will yield more efficient and effective results, which is essentially the crux of an effective APC model. We strongly support this application and hope that you will give the application all due consideration.

As implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) continues, coordinated care will increasingly become a more integrated part of our care systems. Successful implementation will hinge, in part, on programs such as the MAPCP, and we believe that Connecticut is in an ideal position for developing successful APC models.

We look forward to continuing dialogue on Connecticut's application and please feel free to contact our offices if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



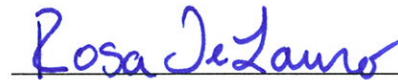
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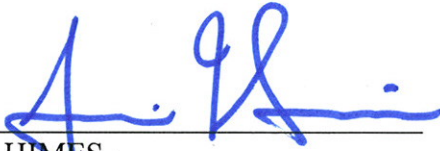
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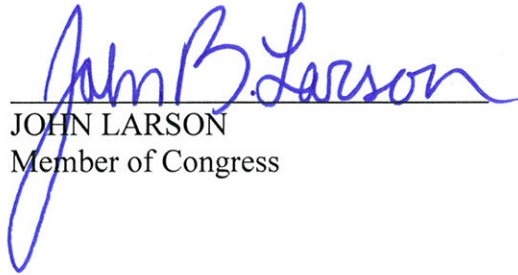
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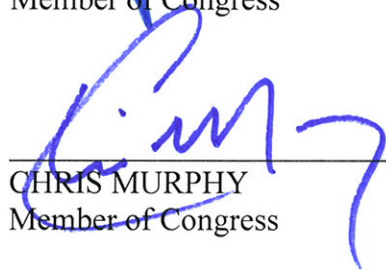
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