Your Choice for Better Healthcare

September 6, 2014

Ms. Sylvia Matthews Burwell,
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

Managed Health Services (MHS) has been an Indiana HMO, serving the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) for nearly two decades. MHS is an original health plan serving Hoosier Healthwise membership since 1995 and the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) population in 2011. MHS is proud to be a part of Indiana Health Care Programs (IHCP).

I am writing to express MHS' unqualified support for HIP 2.0, as proposed to the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by FSSA. We agree HIP 2.0 builds on the proven success of Indiana's existing HIP program – HIP 2.0 provides the right combination of access to affordable health care in a format that encourages personal responsibility so members make positive health choices and be responsible participants in the health care market. This program will encourage ever more members to seek preventive care, resulting in better health outcomes and fewer instances of care delayed until unmet needs overwhelm – decreasing inappropriate use of emergency department resources.

HIP 2.0 will benefit Indiana's hospitals, doctors and other healthcare providers by compensating them at reasonable rates for care they provide to Hoosiers who otherwise might not get care, or whose accounts they might have had to write off. This will help ensure that Hoosiers will experience greater access to coverage to care in every corner of the state.

MHS would be pleased to assist the FSSA and the Office of the Governor with any information about our current member and provider population, our utilization experience or other questions that may assist you in your review.

Best regards,

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President & CEO

cc: Joe Moser, Director of Medicaid, FSSA

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