Nurse-Family Partnership
Helping First-Time Parents Succeed

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The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Secretary of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

On behalf of the Nurse-Family Partnership, I would like to take this opportunity to express our support for Indiana's waiver request for the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0. This plan will provide an opportunity for as many as 350,000 uninsured Hoosiers to receive health care coverage.

In 2011, Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc. launched the state's first implementation of Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP). NFP is an evidence based program based upon 35 years of research on linkages between poverty, low education levels, crime rates, teen pregnancy and health disparities. NFP's home visitation approach targets first-time, low-income mothers who voluntarily enroll no later than the 28th week of pregnancy. Baccaulerate-prepared, registered nursed then make regular home visits until the child is two years old focusing on pregnancy outcomes, helping parents learn to how to provide responsible child care, and offering assistance that will lead to improvements in the family's economic self-sufficiency.

An important component of a family's well-being is having health care coverage. As we work to assist new families, it is critical that they and the people in their support system have access to health care services for preventive and primary care, acute situations or chronic conditions. Having the peace of mind of knowing that health care coverage is available for a family is a stabilizing factor emotionally and financially.

Thank you for your consideration of Indiana's waiver submission. We are hopeful to have a coverage expansion for Hoosiers in early 2015.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mike Pence, Governor of Indiana

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