



June 18, 2014

Mr. James Golden, PhD
Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
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**Re: Request for Comments on the Prepaid Medical Assistance Project Plus (PMAP+)
Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal Request**

Dear Mr. Golden:

Key to UCare's mission is improving the health of our members through innovative services, and we focus on what best supports individuals who need health care and other home and community-based services. As a managed organization with a proven track record of ensuring Minnesotans receive necessary Medicaid (Medical Assistance) services, UCare supports an extension of the Department's PMAP+ Section 1115 waiver renewal request from January 1, 2015-December 31, 2017.

The waiver renewal will ensure that:

- otherwise excluded Medical Assistance eligible individuals continue to receive quality health care via managed care
- federal funding for medical education and research continues
- the Department can require 12-month reviews for medically needy Medical Assistance individuals with unvarying, unearned income
- one-year olds (defined as 12-23 months) and parents or caregiver relatives of children age 18 who are not full-time students will also be able to receive quality health care services

A three year renewal of the PMAP+ waiver will ensure children, adults, and families have comprehensive coverage and the benefits of coordinated care now and into the future.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the waiver renewal. We look forward to continuing to serve Minnesota's Medical Assistance citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ghita Worcester'.

Ghita Worcester
Senior VP, Public Affairs and Marketing