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Ms. Victoria Wachino
Director for the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Subject: Washington State Section 1115 Waiver

Dear Ms. Wachino,

MultiCare Health System is pleased to support the intent of the Washington State Medicaid Global Waiver Application, submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. MultiCare urges CMS to approve the Waiver application.

We believe the goal of the global waiver to transform Medicaid over the next five years to improve its delivery and payment system and sustain the program in the face of a growing, aging, predominantly adult, Medicaid population is noble and to be commended. If accomplished, the transformation will allow the state of Washington to deliver higher value care that meets each beneficiary's range of needs, thereby decreasing the use of avoidable intensive and costly services.

We were pleased to read the four key goals in the Demonstration proposal include: reducing avoidable use of intensive services and settings; improving population health; accelerating the transition to value-based payment; and ensuring that Medicaid per-capita cost growth is two percentage points below national trends. Furthermore, we support the three initiatives that will help achieve these goals in that they provide a solid link between projects across the state. It is important, as noted in the application, that to sustain transformation, the State must ensure that savings generated during the Demonstration are reinvested in a way that offers incentives for groups to participate fully in the transformed process.

We appreciate your consideration of this letter of support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

William G. "Bill" Robertson
President & CEO
MultiCare Health System