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Andy Slavitt, Administrator  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Room 445-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Administrator Slavitt:

We are writing to urge timely and favorable resolution to California's Medi-Cal Section 1115 Waiver renewal request, entitled "Medi-Cal 2020." As you are aware, we submitted a letter to you in May 2015 in support of California's request.

With California's current "Bridge to Reform" waiver set to expire in a few days, a seamless transition to a renewed five year waiver is critical to allow California to continue the innovations and delivery system reforms as well as provide high quality care to our low-income populations, including advancement of value-based payment systems.

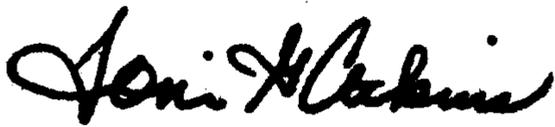
We appreciate the many months of discussions between CMS and our state Medicaid agency. We understand the complexity and magnitude of the issues and know that your office has given careful consideration and analysis to California's request. We are pleased with the partnership that resulted in approval of our Drug Medi-Cal waiver earlier this year, which will further enhance delivery system reform and demonstrates California's ongoing commitment to innovation and quality outcomes.

A timely approval of our "Medi-Cal 2020" waiver for the full five years is an essential component towards California's efforts for long-term sustainability of our Medicaid program. Of equal importance is the need for predictability of the financing components, not only for the state but also for our safety net providers and our public health systems.

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Again, we respectfully request approval of California's waiver renewal and look forward to quick resolution that allows California to lead in the implementation of our shared goals for the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,



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Speaker  
California State Assembly



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Assembly Health Committee

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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
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