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Luis B. Perez, LCSW
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Dear Mr. Perez,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the upcoming transition for Medicaid recipients to a shared savings model. As you mentioned in your letter, Connecticut's Medicaid program is consistently rated one of the best in the nation, and our successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act has been celebrated as a model for other states across the country. I am proud of the work we've done thus far, and look forward to the full realization of our efforts to create a healthcare system that promotes patient-centered, coordinated care for Connecticut consumers.

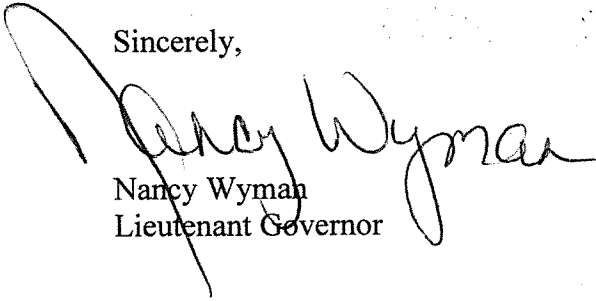
Connecticut's Healthcare Innovation Plan goals are threefold: to promote better health while eliminating health disparities; to improve healthcare quality and experience; and to reduce the growth in healthcare costs. Our receipt of the SIM grant is meant to further these goals, and, once fully applied, will reconfigure our healthcare system to focus on coordinated care that not only enhances quality and accessibility, but also significantly decreases the disparities in health outcomes.

While I take pride in the continued success of Connecticut's Healthcare Innovation Plan and our efforts to improve the delivery of healthcare to Connecticut citizens, I understand your concerns regarding the impending plan to move 200,000 Medicaid recipients to a shared savings model. That is why we have decided to delay the transition for a full six months. By delaying the proposed move of these Medicaid members, we will be able to adequately ensure high quality, accessible care, while mitigating the potential negative ramifications that may be created by the transition.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and applaud your advocacy on behalf of your patients. Your role as a stakeholder is critical, and with your involvement, I am confident that we can make Connecticut's healthcare system the best it can be for all of its citizens.

Again, thank you for reaching out to my office regarding this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact my office again if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Wyman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "W".

Nancy Wyman
Lieutenant Governor