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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 Community Health Network (CHNw), I would like to take this opportunity to provide support for Indiana's waiver request for the Healthy Indiana Plan 2.0 (HIP 2.0). As a non-profit health system in Central Indiana since 1956, CHNw's full continuum of care has more than 200 sites of care, 2,000 credentialed physicians, 12,000 employees and integrates specialty and acute care hospitals, surgery centers, home care services, MedChecks, behavioral health and employer health services.

We support the Triple Aim and its focus on better care for patients, a healthier population, and affordable care. With as many as 350,000 uninsured Hoosiers, we believe that the health coverage in HIP 2.0 is one of the supports necessary in continuing to provide our patients with high quality, affordable care. Since January, 2008 when thousands of Hoosiers were able to enroll for the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), this innovative plan has proven to be successful and importantly, continues to earn high participant satisfaction scores. The program has demonstrated success with lower emergency department use, higher use of preventive health services, and more primary care services.

HIP 2.0 encourages participants to be involved in their health care decisions by contributing to their health "POWER" account and through copays, such as when use of the emergency department is for a non-emergency. The data from HIP over the last six years has shown these incentives lead to timely contributions into the POWER accounts and lower inappropriate emergency department usage. As we assist in enrolling more participants in the Marketplace plans, we expect to have patients that will transition between HIP 2.0 and Marketplace health plans and to the extent that the plans have similarities, it will be easier for our patients to navigate.

We also support the proposed HIP Link. This new program will allow HIP 2.0 eligible individuals the choice of either enrolling in HIP 2.0 or to receive a defined contribution from the State which they can use to pay for employer-sponsored premiums and other cost sharing. The program allows for assistance for the entire family and provides a counselor to make sure an individual can be assisted with deciding which option would be best suited to their individual needs and situation. We believe many individuals and families will receive health coverage through this option.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this valuable health coverage plan and respectfully ask HHS and CMS to approve HIP 2.0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan A. Mills", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bryan A. Mills, President & CEO

cc: The Honorable Mike Pence, Governor of Indiana  
The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner, Administrator of CMS