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Ms. Melanie Bella
Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 315-H
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Re: State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals,
Contract No. HHSM – 500-2011-00035c

Dear Ms. Bella:

I am pleased to offer my support to the Minnesota Department of Human Services' proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for a "State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees."

Minnesota has long been a leader in the development of integrated Medicare and Medicaid programs for seniors and people with disabilities. We appreciate the past support of CMS for our integrated programs and the efforts of the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office to incorporate the state's knowledge and experience into the expanded demonstration opportunities for states to develop integrated programs.

This new CMS demonstration provides Minnesota with a unique opportunity to re-design existing programs to align them with broader purchasing and delivery reforms being implemented throughout the state. This includes re-design of our existing managed care programs for dual eligibles to promote aligned incentives for provider accountability through total cost of care billing, provider-based payment reform, and care delivery innovations, with continued focus on person-centered individualized care coordination to achieve a seamless beneficiary experience. Minnesota's plan focuses on health care homes, market incentives and stimulation of provider care system partnerships, and stronger measurement of health outcomes.

These reforms will allow Minnesota to offer a more efficient, effective, and high quality system of care for people with dual eligibility. These changes will also provide a more secure platform for continuation of integrated Medicare and Medicaid programs into the future. We look forward to continuing to work with CMS on implementation of this new direction for services for people in Minnesota who receive both Medicare and Medicaid services.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor

cc: Commissioner Lucinda Jesson, MN Department of Human Services

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