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Center for Medicaid and State Operations Family and Children's Health Programs Group

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Michael P. Starkowski, Commissioner
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

Dear Mr. Starkowski:

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the State of Connecticut's request for an additional 90-day extension of the State's 1915(b) Husky waiver program, conditioned upon Connecticut's acceptance of the following terms and conditions. In order for this waiver extension to be effective, Connecticut must:

- (1) Cease enrollment in the two managed care organizations (MCOs) that do not meet the requirements for network adequacy as described in 42 CFR 438.206 and 438.207. Connecticut can continue to voluntarily enroll individuals in any service areas where the State can either:
 - document network adequacy for that specific area; or
 - impose a limited cap on the MCO's enrollment that would enable the MCO to meet adequacy standards in that specific service area.
- (2) Allow all beneficiaries enrolled in either of the MCOs where network adequacy has not been documented to disenroll without cause until such time as the State verifies the adequacy of the MCO's network.
- (3) Make provisions for the continued delivery of Medicaid services without delay for all current or former enrollees in Anthem in accordance with 42 CFR 438.62. This may be accomplished by assuring the availability of services and providers in the State's fee-for-service system or by delaying the termination of Anthem's contract.
- (4) Immediately notify all beneficiaries of these changes and inform them that they may choose to enroll in one of the current MCOs, but will not be required to do so until further notice.
- (5) Submit to CMS a full and complete request for a 2-year waiver authority to operate this program, no later than April 1, 2009.

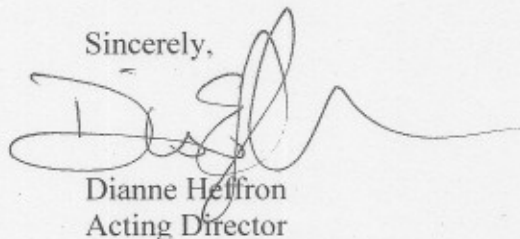
As soon as possible, but no later than one week from the date of this letter, Connecticut must inform CMS as to whether it will accept these terms and conditions. Should Connecticut decline

to accept these terms and conditions, the Husky 1915(b) waiver will expire as of March 31, 2009, and all beneficiaries enrolled in MCOs must be permitted to return to FFS. Acceptance of these terms and conditions will extend the State's waiver authority through June 30, 2009.

Connecticut should continue to submit reports on the development of MCO networks to the Boston Regional Office, and work with that office in order to document compliance with previously imposed conditions on the operation of this managed care program.

If you have any questions or need additional information on this matter, please contact Don Novo or Bertha Fertil at the Boston Regional Office respectively at (617) 565-1223 or (617) 565-1244. You may also contact Bruce Johnson, on my staff at (410) 786-0615.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dianne Heffron', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dianne Heffron
Acting Director

Cc: David Parrella, Director, Medical Care Administration
Rich McGreal, Associate Regional Administrator, DMCHO, Boston