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Melanie Bella, Director
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Dear Ms. Bella:

[I/We/Name of organization/individual] are writing this letter in support of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services' (DMAS') Demonstration proposal to integrate care for individuals 21 years and older who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid ("dual eligibles"). This initiative is an important step in improving care for a subset of Virginia's most vulnerable populations.

[Discuss Organization, population served, organization's goals and how they align with proposed Demonstration.]

I/we believe that the Demonstration will help eliminate barriers to efficient, high quality care and positive health outcomes for dual eligibles by: (1) increasing access to comprehensive, appropriate, and cost-effective services; (2) integrating various administrative processes for beneficiaries and providers; and, (3) establishing coordinated, person-centered care. These efforts will promote timely, efficient and effective care without the added burden of navigating multiple systems and processes.

More specifically, under the proposed Demonstration, individuals will benefit from expanded access to services and care coordination through person-centered care teams that will include medical providers, behavioral health, long term services and supports, and other individuals (e.g., family caregivers) identified as important contributors to a member's care. The Demonstration will also give individuals and their care teams the flexibility to develop a package of acute, behavioral health, long-term services and supports, and community support services that best meet the individual's health.

DMAS has taken steps over the past few years to implement innovative strategies to improve care and reduce health care costs for Virginia's most vulnerable populations. I/We believe that this proposal, which was developed through a collaborative process with a wide variety of stakeholders, represents an important opportunity to make further progress on this important issue. Therefore, I/we look forward to working with DMAS to implement the Demonstration. I/we strongly believe that the Demonstration will improve the health outcomes of dual eligibles and will help reduce costs by decreasing unnecessary and duplicative services.

Sincerely,

Name

Title (If applicable)

Organization (If applicable)