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Ms. Ticia Jones
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Dear Ms. Jones:

The purpose of this letter is to request an amendment to Virginia's section 1115 demonstration "FAMIS MOMS and FAMIS Select" (No. 21 – W -00058/3). We propose the following changes for FAMIS MOMS enrollees beginning on March 1, 2015

- Adding coverage for dental services to align with pregnant women's coverage under Medicaid, and
- Allowing enrollment for pregnant women who have access to subsidized coverage under a state employee health benefit plan to align with children's coverage under CHIP.

This letter serves as the Commonwealth's official notification to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as outlined in the Special Terms and Conditions.

In September of this year, Governor Terry McAuliffe introduced *A Healthy Virginia*, his plan to enhance health care access and services across the Commonwealth. Included in this ten point plan is improving access to oral health care for pregnant women in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS. Beginning March 1, 2015, Virginia's nationally recognized *Smiles For Children* program will provide dental benefits to pregnant women age 21 and over in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS. Dental coverage for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid or FAMIS MOMS will assist in improving the dental health of the mother, decrease dental emergencies, and help deliver a healthy baby.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is working in concert with the dental benefits administrator, DentaQuest, to design an oral health program for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS. The services are inclusive of those provided in Virginia's *Smiles For Children* program, and similar in scope to dental services available through the Department of Human Resources' dental benefits for state employees.

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Services for pregnant women will include the following:

- Diagnostic (x-rays, exams)
- Preventive (cleanings)
- Restorative (fillings)
- Endodontics (root canals)
- Periodontics (gum related treatment)
- Prosthodontics both removable and fixed (crowns, bridges, partials and dentures)
- Oral surgery (extractions and other oral surgeries)
- Adjunctive general services (all covered services that do not fall into specific professional categories).

Governor McAuliffe's plan also included a directive to amend the Virginia CHIP state plan to allow enrollment for dependent children of state employees who are otherwise eligible. This amendment has been submitted to CMS for an effective date of January 1, 2015. To be consistent with our CHIP plan (FAMIS), we propose to allow pregnant women, who have access to subsidized coverage under a state employee health benefit, to enroll in FAMIS MOMS, if they are otherwise eligible. This change is also planned for an effective date of March 1, 2015, to allow for implementation during the upcoming state employee open enrollment period.

DMAS is in the process of making the necessary regulatory and systems modifications to implement these changes.

A copy of the budget template is attached.

Sincerely,



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