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The Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor of Maryland
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401

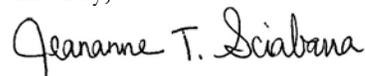
Dear Governor Hogan:

We are writing to offer the full support of Consumer Health First for the Maryland All-Payer Model Progression Plan to be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Our organization has been involved in Maryland's health care reform efforts for more than a decade. Most recently we were pleased to participate in the development and review of the Progression Plan for the last year and CHF's President, Leni Preston, has served on the HSCRC Advisory Council since its inception in 2014. She also chaired the Consumer Engagement Task Force in 2015. Members of our Board of Directors have also served on relevant work groups. In addition, we have been engaged in the development and review of the accompanying documents laying out the Comprehensive Primary Care Model and the Dual-Eligible Model being developed by DHMH. We are excited by the patient-centered health care approach the State is adopting and its emphasis on consumer engagement which is critical to our long-term success.

The Progression Plan reflects the thoughtful input of many stakeholders. The HSCRC and its consultants have been responsive to the concerns of all interested parties. We are particularly grateful that the recommendations of Consumer Health First, focused on ensuring consumer engagement, communications, and protections, have been welcomed by the HSCRC and incorporated into the plan.

Consumer Health First, in supporting the Progression Plan, acknowledges that this plan is just the next step in a process to transform our health care system in a way that will increase patient satisfaction and improve health outcomes while driving down costs. We believe it is also important to recognize the fact that with the Progression Plan, as with many of our other health care initiatives, Maryland is a national leader. We are proud that our State has assumed this important role and we look forward to continuing our work with the HSCRC and all stakeholders to continue to advance these efforts in the future.

Sincerely,



Jeananne Thoreson Sciabarra, Executive Director



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