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Dear Mr. McCullough:

I am writing to advise you that the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is withdrawing State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number (TN) 14-0045, submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 5, 2014 and currently under CMS' review. SPA 14-0045 reflected the proposed Medicaid low-risk or "Healthy" benefit design under the State's *Healthy PA* benefit reforms. Governor Wolf has launched a traditional Medicaid expansion that will replace *Healthy PA*.

Our withdrawal of SPA 14-0045 is contingent upon CMS' written acknowledgement that the State may continue to cover current Categorically Needy Medicaid services for the "Healthy" benefit target population and assurance that this action will not jeopardize Federal Financial Participation, as we work with CMS on new amendments that reflect Governor Wolf's vision for Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Program.

Thank you for your many months of technical assistance and advice related to the development of SPA 14-0045, and we look forward to working in close partnership with CMS on our new amendments and the State's Medicaid reform efforts, in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leesa Allen, Executive Medicaid Director, Office of the Secretary, at 717-787-2600.

Sincerely,

Theodore Dallas
Acting Secretary of Human Services

cc: Ms. Leesa M. Allen