

March 10, 2017

Marissa J. Levine, MD, MPH, FAAFP  
Virginia State Health Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Health  
109 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Commissioner Levine:

On behalf of Mountain States Health Alliance and Wellmont Health System (collectively, the "Applicants"), we write regarding the Applicants' Application for a Letter Authorizing Cooperative Agreement submitted on February 16, 2016 pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-5384.1 *et seq.* (the "Virginia Application").

The Applicants acknowledge the following:

- The Virginia Application is currently under review by the Commissioner for "action on the application" pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-5384.1.F.2 and Section 12VAC5-221-90.A of Virginia's Rules and Regulations Governing Cooperative Agreements (the "Virginia Regulations").
- Their application for a Tennessee Certificate of Public Advantage (the "Tennessee Application") is currently under assessment by the Tennessee Commissioner of Health (the "Tennessee Commissioner") in order for the Tennessee Commissioner to determine if the Tennessee Application may be deemed complete pursuant to the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Health Section 1200-38-01-05 (the "Tennessee Rules").
- At such time as the Tennessee Commissioner deems the Tennessee Application complete again, the Tennessee Application would commence to be under review by the Tennessee Commissioner for a decision on the application.
- By decision issued February 3, 2017 the timeframe for a decision on the Virginia Application was extended to June 15, 2017, provided that the Tennessee Application had been deemed complete again by March 1, 2017, or earlier if appropriate.

Pursuant to Virginia Regulations Section 12VAC5-221-90.B, the Applicants request that the Commissioner delay her decision to provide additional time to review the record. Because as of March 1, 2017 the Tennessee Application had not yet been deemed complete, the Applicants and your office conferred regarding a further extension. In order to more closely align with the Tennessee Application review period, the Applicants respectfully request further extension of the timeframe for a decision on the Virginia Application and that the Commissioner render a decision on the Virginia Application no later than August 15, 2017, provided that the Tennessee Application has been deemed complete again by May 1, 2017 and that all information the Commissioner deems necessary to her decision has been received, or earlier if appropriate. If the Tennessee Application has not been deemed complete by May

1, 2017, the Applicants and the Commissioner shall confer regarding a further extension to ensure that the review period for the Virginia Application is aligned with that of the Tennessee Application. The Applicants appreciate the time and effort the Commissioner and her staff have devoted to this review process and are committed to providing the Commissioner with all of the information she needs in an efficient and timely manner. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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President and CEO



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President and CEO