

September 28, 2017

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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").
- By decision issued September 5, 2017 the timeframe for a decision on the Virginia Application was extended to September 30, 2017, provided that the Commissioner had all information she deemed necessary to her decision.

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. On September 19, 2017, the Tennessee State Health Commissioner approved a Certificate of Public Advantage for the Applicants, subject to certain Terms of Certification (the "Tennessee COPA"). The Applicants want to ensure that the Commissioner and her staff have sufficient time to review the Tennessee Terms and consider the possible interplay between the Tennessee Terms and the Virginia Application. After conferring with your office, 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 October 30, 2017, provided that all information the Commissioner deems necessary to her decision has been received, or earlier if appropriate.

The Applicants appreciate the time and effort the Commissioner and her staff have devoted to this review process. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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