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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Ms. Mann:

As members of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, we write to request that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services clarify the terms and conditions of the Healthy Pennsylvania waiver to ensure access to family planning services and providers. We have significant concerns that this proposal would unacceptably limit beneficiaries' access to family planning services.

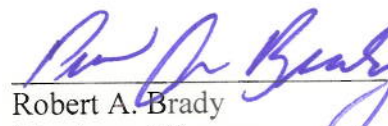
Instead of simply expanding traditional Medicaid, the Healthy Pennsylvania proposal uses Medicaid funds to purchase private coverage for the newly-eligible population. By statute, coverage financed with Medicaid funds must include all of the family planning services afforded through the traditional Medicaid program. In addition, Federal law requires that Medicaid enrollees have freedom of choice in selecting family planning providers so that they can access needed services from any qualified Medicaid provider. Congress enacted these protections to ensure that citizens' income does not interfere with their ability to access critical family planning services that improve the health of women and children.

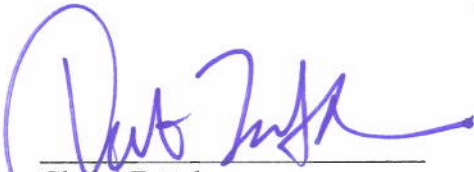
Governor Tom Corbett's Healthy Pennsylvania proposal, however, seeks to circumvent these important federal protections. It confines beneficiary access to family planning services and providers to those included in the networks of private plans.

We must ensure that women who become newly eligible for coverage are able to access essential family planning services in a timely manner from providers they trust. We commend CMS on its dedication to ensuring that citizens have access to needed care and urge the agency to remain firm in protecting Medicaid beneficiaries' access to family planning services.

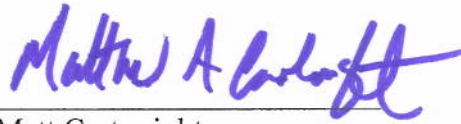
Sincerely,


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