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Re: Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0

The American Nurses Association (ANA) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments with respect to this Notice of a Proposed Section 1115 demonstration. As the premier full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses, ANA is privileged to speak on behalf of its state and constituent member associations, organizational affiliates, and individual members. Registered nurses serve in multiple direct care, care coordination, and administrative leadership roles, across the full spectrum of healthcare settings. ANA members include advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) such as nurse practitioners (NPs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs), and certified nurse-midwives (CNMs).

As indicated on the Medicaid.gov website, Section 1115 demonstrations enable states to test coverage and delivery system approaches in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Those demonstrations can have a significant and varied impact on Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries, providers, States, Tribes, and local governments. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has solicited public input into the demonstration review process.

ANA endorses the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0. Our constituent member organization, the Indiana State Nurses Association, has indicated that under the proposed Section 1115 demonstration the following developments are anticipated:

- Providing health coverage eligibility to approximately 350,000 Hoosiers
- Recognizing APRNs as primary care providers
- Expansion of a pilot program that has reduced non-emergent use of the emergency department
- Reimbursement at Medicare rates instead of Medicaid rates

ANA concurs that these are desirable outcomes for Indiana Medicaid enrollees and the APRNs who will treat those patients.

ANA appreciates the opportunity to share our views on this matter. For any additional follow-up, please contact Peter McMenamin, Ph.D. at peter.mcmenamin@ana.org or 301-628-5073.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie D. Hatmaker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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