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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

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Dear Stakeholders:

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“the Department”) has received a State Innovation Model design award from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to design innovative payment and service delivery models. Maryland’s commitment to innovation is expanding in a targeted effort toward improving health outcomes for individuals enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare (“dual eligibles”).

Dual eligibles are entitled to receive Medicare benefits as well as financial assistance—and in some cases, medical benefits—through Medicaid. These individuals often have complex health care needs that result in a high cost of care. While dual eligibles have access to comprehensive benefits packages from both Medicaid and Medicare, the care dual eligibles receive is often fragmented.

To address this fragmentation, Maryland will design a care delivery strategy that will enhance the quality of care, address high costs and misaligned incentives, and promote better care coordination for dual eligibles. The design process will be multifaceted and align with Maryland’s larger efforts in health system transformation under the All-Payer Model.

The Department is committed to engaging stakeholders in the design process. As such, the Department and the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) are establishing a Duals Care Delivery Workgroup. Led by the Medicaid program, this cross-representative group will inform the dual eligible care delivery strategy design process by working with both the Department and the HSCRC. The workgroup will serve as a forum for the Department to present its vision and receive feedback and guidance from stakeholders for the design.

At this time, the Department is seeking applications to participate in the Duals Care Delivery Workgroup. The Department is looking for broad stakeholder representation that includes hospitals, physicians, long-term care and behavioral health providers, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, local health officers, and consumers. Members will be able to commit to monthly, in-person meetings through August 2016. If you are interested in becoming a member of the workgroup, please submit your contact information and a current resume, or a brief statement describing your interest and experience, to dhmv.sim@maryland.gov before December 11, 2015. Additionally, please send any questions or concerns to the above email address.

Signed,

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