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Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
Representative Selim G. Noujaim, Co-Chair
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol - Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Regulation Regarding Requirements for Payment to Federally Qualified Health Centers

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to section 4-170 (b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for your approval a proposed regulation regarding the requirements for payment to federally qualified health centers (FQHC). The regulation proposes the adoption of new sections 17b-262-994 to 17b-262-1005, inclusive, to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The existing regulations are outdated and inconsistent with the federal requirements for payment to FQHCs under 42 USC § 1396a (bb). The proposed regulation adds new definitions as necessary; specifies services that are covered and not covered; specifies services that are billable as an encounter as well as services that are not billable but included in the encounter rate; describes the process by which an FQHC may request an adjustment of its encounter rate based upon a change in scope of services; clarifies prior authorization requirements; describes billing requirements and the methodology for calculating the encounter rate; and outlines documentation and audit requirements.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published on the Secretary of State website and the Department of Social Services (Department) website on November 29, 2013. A public hearing was held on December 19, 2013. A copy of the Department's Responses to Public Comment is included in this submission. On November 24, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient. A copy of the proposed regulation has been submitted to the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Committee of Cognizance.

If you or your staff require additional information or clarification concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Attorney Melanie Dillon at 860-424-5278.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Commissioner

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