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Regulation Review Committee
Room 011, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Medicaid Services for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria

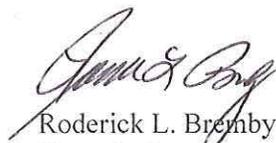
Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for your approval a proposed regulation to repeal the prohibition on payment for sexual reassignment surgery and related services for the treatment of gender dysphoria. In particular, the Department of Social Services (the "Department") will amend its physician services, psychiatrist services and nurse practitioner services regulations and medical clinic and inpatient hospital policy manual, to remove this coverage exclusion. This amendment will bring the Department's Medicaid benefits into line with current medical practice. These coverage exclusions were originally based upon the view that such surgeries and related procedures and services were experimental or unproven in nature. The medical community now recognizes a variety of surgeries and treatments for gender dysphoria.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published on the Secretary of the State's website on September 22, 2014. The Department did not hold a public hearing. Written public comments were received by the Department and responses to those comments are enclosed. On December 4, 2014, notice that the Department intends to take action on the proposed regulation was posted on the Secretary of the State's website. On December 23, 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.

If you or your staff require additional information concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Patricia McCooey at (860) 424-4873.

Sincerely,


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Commissioner

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