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Cindy Mann, Director
US HHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
CHIP and Survey & Certification

Melanie Bella, Director
US HHS/Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
Coordination Office

Dear Ms. Mann & Ms. Bella:

Please accept this correspondence as indication of Ohio's intent to participate in the planning process leading to the implementation of one of the models delineated in the July 8, 2011 State Medicaid Director letter. At this time, we have not made a firm decision as to which one of the models we will seek to operationalize. Whichever model is chosen, our intent is to focus on Ohio's dual eligible population, which we estimate to be approximately 270,000 individuals. We look forward to receiving the supplemental guidance outlining the standards and conditions that states will be required to meet prior to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with CMS, subsequent to your receipt of this letter of intent. At some point, early in this process, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss and clarify certain specific aspects of the models outlined in the July 8th letter, in addition to other possible alternatives, and the supplemental information to be provided.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Harry Saxe a 614-752-1649 or at Harry.Saxe@JFS.Ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

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