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Jeffrey A. Meyers
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
NH Department of Health and Human Services
129 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301-3857

Re: New Hampshire Health Protection Program
Draft Premium Assistance Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application

Dear Mr. Myers:

The American Heart Association appreciates the opportunity to submit questions regarding the draft Section 1115 Waiver application, and looks forward to the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) response.

In order to promote personal responsibility, enrollees are expected to participate in "mandatory wellness programs" as part of their healthcare. How will the DHHS detail the wellness programs to be mandated and to ensure they are of a comprehensive, evidence-based program? How will participation be measured, ensuring there are no penalties for not meeting certain health metrics? Will there be alternative means of participating in a wellness program, to increase enrollees' compliance in participating?

Will the DHHS detail the 'Other Medical Professionals' listed within the Cost Sharing Plan as requiring an \$8.00 copay?

How will the DHHS and/or NH Insurance Department ensure there is an adequate network of healthcare providers for enrollees available in the "network of their QHP"?

Thank you for the opportunity to submit questions and provide comment on the DHHS draft premium assistance Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver. The American Heart Association advocates for affordable, accessible healthcare for all people at risk for, or suffering from, cardiovascular diseases. Should you need clarification I may be reached at 603-518-1555.

Sincerely,

Nancy Vaughan
Government Relations Director – New Hampshire

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