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Dear Ms. Lambrew,

The undersigned organizations write to encourage you to finalize the proposed regulations on public participation in Section 1115 research and demonstration proposals (75 FR 56946) as soon as possible.

Many states are considering significant changes to their Medicaid programs that would require that they request waivers of provisions of the Medicaid statute under Section 1115. Final regulations are needed to ensure transparency and an opportunity for public input. We understand that you have many competing priorities, and we are sympathetic to the heavy demands on the Administration. Nonetheless, given that many states are already discussing or have submitted comprehensive Medicaid waivers, we hope that you will make finalizing these important regulations a top priority.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

AARP  
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Health Care Association  
American Heart Association/American Stroke Association  
American Network of Community Options and Resources  
Children’s Defense Fund  
Children’s Dental Health Project  
Community Access National Network  
Easter Seals  
Families USA  
First Focus  
Georgetown University Center for Children and Families  
LeadingAge  
National Association for Children’s Behavioral Health  
National Association of Children's Hospitals  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Center for Assisted Living  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
National Council on Aging  
National Health Law Program  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Women’s Law Center
Service Employees International Union
The Arc
The Children’s Partnership
The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care