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May 12, 2009

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

The Allegheny County Delegation is deeply concerned regarding the adverse impact of the following FY 2009-10 Budget proposal by DPW upon the Commonwealth's Medicaid Physical Health Managed Care Organizations (PH-MCOs).

- Again, for a fourth consecutive year, DPW seeks to carve out pharmacy benefit management from the auspices of our Medicaid PH-MCOs effective *July 1, 2009*
- **76%** of Medicaid constituents residing in Allegheny County are served by our Medicaid PH-MCOs to manage the delivery of all their medical care services
- This proposed initiative will fragment and disrupt a mature, proactive, integrated and cost-effective healthcare delivery system
- A pharmacy management carve-out will inhibit our Medicaid PH-MCOs' ability to:
 - Effectively manage the 'whole person'
 - Appropriately develop and coordinate disease / intensive case management interventions
 - Monitor patient and provider compliance to prescribing standards ensuring superior quality
 - Lower the overall cost of care for our most vulnerable constituents

Our Medicaid PH-MCOs have served Pennsylvania well by: lowering the rate of healthcare cost escalation, achieving superior health outcomes and producing vastly improved access to medical care for our most vulnerable citizens.


Fragmentation of this health care delivery model will significantly compromise our Medicaid PH-MCOs' ability to effectively develop and coordinate vital health care services for **62%** of the Commonwealth's Medicaid population.


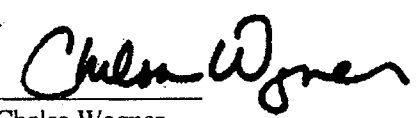


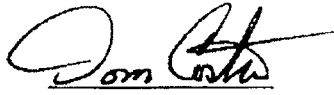
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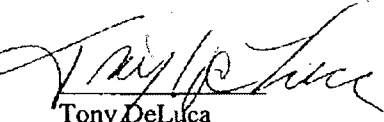
A Medicaid PH-MCO pharmacy benefit management carve-out proposal has been consistently and decidedly unsupported by the General Assembly for three consecutive years. Therefore, we urge this proposal should no longer be considered for discussion or implementation.

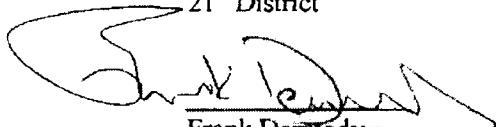
Sincerely,


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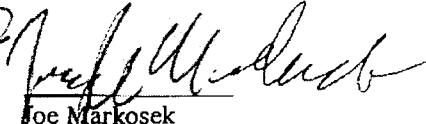

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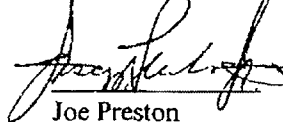
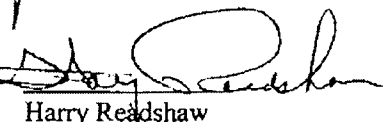

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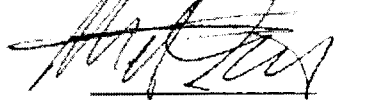
 
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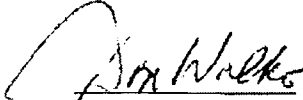

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The Honorable Dwight Evans, Majority Chairman House Appropriations