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Governor Edward G. Rendell  
225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell,

The Philadelphia Delegation is deeply concerned about the status of the Commonwealth's Medicaid Physical Health Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

The Department's continued attempt to carve out the pharmacy benefit management function from the MCOs stands to seriously fragment their fully integrated, outcome based, cost-effective and mature medical management approaches.

These MCOs have served the Commonwealth well by lowering healthcare cost escalation, accomplishing superior health outcomes and producing much improved access to medical care for a very vulnerable population. Destabilization of this medical delivery system seriously compromises the Commonwealth's entire Medicaid Physical Health program and the lives of our most fragile residents.

We strongly urge appropriate budgetary and operational support of the Commonwealth's Medicaid Physical Health MCOs.

Sincerely,

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