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Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Mr. Engelhardt:

New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is submitting this letter of intent in response to your letter dated July 16, 2015. We have reviewed the guidance in the letter and wish to extend the Fully Integrated Dual Advantage (FIDA) demonstration from its current end date of December 31, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

We are committed to investing resources, including our implementation support grant funding, for increased education and outreach efforts to promote FIDA. In September 2015 NYSDOH is holding a stakeholder forum to discuss the future of FIDA including, opportunities to improve and expand the model as well as ideas for increasing consumer and provider support and engagement. Our goal is to continue to grow FIDA enrollment through our additional outreach activities.

The two-year extension will allow us to evaluate the impact of any changes initiated after the start of the FIDA demonstration as well as minimize the risk of disruption of care for the FIDA enrollees. Finally, the extension will also allow additional time to develop the FIDA demonstration into a mature and established product that in the future can be available to New Yorker's statewide. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

NYSDOH continues to appreciate the ongoing collaboration and support of CMS to assist in a successful FIDA demonstration which will instruct future policy directions.

Sincerely,

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