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Dear Mr. Friedman,

This letter formally transmits the Connecticut Department of Social Services' (DSS) Planning Advance Planning Document: Integrated Application Suite For HCBS Waiver Coordinated Consumer Services on behalf of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to build an integrated application suite to support operation of DDS's Home and Community Based Waivers.

DSS as the Single State Medicaid agency (SSMA) is the single state agency responsible for the administration of HCBS Waivers and assuring that federal report and procedural requirements are satisfied. These responsibilities, as well as responsibilities assigned to DDS by DSS to implement and operate the DDS HCBS Waivers are outlined in a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies effective through 9/30/13 for the Comprehensive Supports Waiver and 1/31/13 for the Individual and Family Supports Waiver.

This Integrated Application Suite For HCBS Waiver Coordinated Consumer Services seeks to build a Web-accessible integrated application suite and consolidated HCBS Waiver data store for collecting, updating, and organizing the data needed throughout the waiver operation process workflow.

The project will address developing an information architecture beginning with a data model as requirements basis for sourcing and implementing a consolidated data store. The logical scope and physical implementation of the data model must be adequate to populating the set of application services required to support timely, effective, and complete service coordination, for the department's consumers, including discovery and remediation of non-compliance with Waiver Assurances.

The integrated application suite will also ensure that any enhancements to the Title XIX billing interface to DSS, as the SSMA, conform to applicable Medicaid data exchange standards, as they may evolve. Further, the project seeks to replace existing HCBS Waiver production applications that are functionally limited, as well as source new production applications for core-mission business services which are currently lacking applications to support them.

Please advise if you would like an emailed copy of the attached document. We would be happy to provide it upon request. If you have questions concerning this document, please contact either the DSS or DDS contacts listed below:

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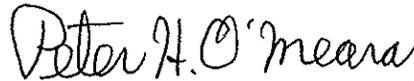
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