



INDIANA OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

September 15, 2014

Cindy Mann, JD
CMS Deputy Administrator/Director
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Director Mann,

The Indiana Osteopathic Association (IOA) enthusiastically endorses Indiana's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0. IOA's membership is comprised of a majority of primary care physicians. Ensuring coverage and access for our patients is a top priority.

There are many reasons the IOA supports HIP 2.0, the most important being:

- Indiana's HIP 2.0 plan has the potential to cover over 350,000 currently uninsured Hoosiers;
- HIP 2.0 establishes a more robust health coverage model to replace traditional Medicaid;
- HIP members receive preventive care services at a rate similar to commercial health plan members;
- HIP members use the emergency room inappropriately less than traditional Medicaid members;
- This innovative program connects participants with job training and job search programs with the hopes that more Indiana residents will be covered by employer sponsored insurance. HIP 2.0 also involves a direct contribution option that would further allow individuals to participate in their employer's health plan;
- Enjoys bi-partisan support since its inception in 2007;
- HIP has been successful in Indiana for seven years by applying the consumer directed model of health insurance to the low-income population; and
- The HIP 2.0 proposal ensures an adequate provider network by including higher reimbursement rates for providers for the care they provide to HIP members as well as members in other Medicaid categories such as the aged, blind or disabled.

The IOA would like to thank Governor Pence with his leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with the Governor and the FSSA Secretary to ensure the success of this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Carter, DO". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "DO" clearly visible at the end.

Adrian Carter, DO
President, IOA