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Calder Lynch, Acting Deputy Administrator and Director  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Re: Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Amendment Request  
Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Section 1115 Waiver (Project No. 11-W-00296/5)

Dear Director Lynch,

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is pleased to submit this request to amend its §1115 waiver seeking federal authority to reimburse for acute inpatient stays in institutions for mental disease (IMD) for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED).

This request is part of broader efforts within the FSSA to ensure a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services and is intended to improve access to acute care for Medicaid enrollees with SMI and SED. It builds upon Indiana's current authority to reimburse IMDs for short term stays for Medicaid beneficiaries receiving substance use disorder treatment. Further, the waiver will ensure comparable access to IMDs for Indiana Medicaid enrollees regardless of delivery system and eliminate the current inconsistency between fee-for-service and managed care coverage.

FSSA looks forward to continuing our partnership with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to ensure the delivery of comprehensive behavioral health services to Indiana Medicaid enrollees. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this waiver amendment request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Taylor".

Allison Taylor  
Indiana Medicaid Director

cc: Judith Cash, Director State Demonstrations Group  
Shanna Janu, Project Officer  
Ruth Hughes, Associate Regional Administrator  
Jennifer Walthall, Secretary, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

