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Courtney Burke, Commissioner
New York State Office of People with Developmental Disabilities
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12229

Dear Commissioner Burke:

On behalf of the New York State Catholic Health Plan d/b/a Fidelis Care New York, I wish to submit this letter indicating our intent to participate in the initiative for *Specialized Managed Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*.

Fidelis Care is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization, licensed as an **Article 44 mainstream managed care plan** in 59 New York counties, and as a **Managed Long Term Care plan** in 50 counties. We are actively working to expand both programs to cover all 62 New York counties. We have over 866,000 members across New York State. We serve low income, medically vulnerable individuals and work to ensure they can receive quality health coverage through multiple government-sponsored health insurance programs, including Medicaid, Family Health Plus, Child Health Plus, Medicare, Medicare Special Needs Plans for Dually Eligibles, Medicaid Advantage Plus, and Managed Long Term Care.

In recent months, we have been involved in conversations with various agencies which provide services to the developmentally disabled, including coalitions that are linking together many local agencies into larger contracting entities. We see a potential role for Fidelis Care in working with these providers which deliver the direct habilitative services your Office oversees, while making available our expertise in managed care operations and coverage of medical care. We see our potential involvement either as: (1) a partner to a Developmental Disabilities Individual Support and Care Coordination Organization (DISCO) which the local agencies could develop, or (2) a program under the authority of our own Article 44 or MLTC certification.

We are continuing our discussions to determine whether and how partnerships could be developed to respond to your forthcoming Request For Applications, to offer quality care to the developmentally disabled population. Determination of the local agencies with which we would work and the target counties in which to operate are under discussion.

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We have submitted an application to become a **Fully Integrated Dual Advantage (FIDA) program**, so we will be well positioned to work with the Office of People With Developmental Disabilities, the New York State Department of Health, and local agencies delivering service to the developmentally disabled as you move toward comprehensive coverage for this vulnerable population.

Fidelis Care has a long history of working cooperatively with the State of New York to offer quality, comprehensive coverage to vulnerable populations. We consistently meet regulatory, financial and quality standards that apply to the various managed care programs. I believe that we can offer a strong option for the State in working with the developmentally disabled.

I am available at pfrawley@fideliscare.org or 718-393-6101 for any questions or comments. We look forward to conversations with you about New York's development of programs for Specialized Managed Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick J. Frawley".

Reverend Patrick J. Frawley
President & CEO