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*A family-based organization
working with and for people
who have intellectual and other
developmental disabilities.*

May 3, 2013

Commissioner Courtney Burke
NYS OPWDD
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, NY 12229

Re: Letter of Intent: Specialized Managed Care for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Dear Commissioner Burke:

NYSARC, Inc. is pleased to respond to OPWDD's call for Letters of Intent or Expressions of Interest with regard to the development of a specialized managed care plan designed to support individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. NYSARC, Inc. is the largest non-profit organization supporting people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families since 1949. We believe that NYSARC is ideally suited to participate in the development of a specialized coordinated care program for these individuals.

Once finalized, NYSARC intends to respond to OPWDD's Request for Applications (RFA). At the present time, NYSARC intends to seek the necessary licensure to operate a DISCO. However, we have not ruled out the possibility that NYSARC may apply to become a special needs MLTC with the goal of serving primarily individuals with disabilities.

Regardless of whether NYSARC seeks a DISCO or a special needs MLTC license, NYSARC intends to hold the applicable license and we will not be seeking equity partners nor entering into any joint venture arrangements. As required by section 4403-(g) of the Public Health Law, the NYSARC managed care plan will be separately incorporated with a governance structure that ensures that an appropriate level of control is maintained by NYSARC, the sponsoring agency.

NYSARC intends to seek approval to operate on a state-wide basis. However, during the first phase of the NYSARC managed care plan role out, we intend to offer enrollment in the following counties: Sullivan, Fulton, Montgomery, Oneida, Lewis and Monroe.

Thank you for the opportunity to reply to your Letter of Intent. We look forward to partnering with OPWDD and the state on this very important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Marc N. Brandt
Executive Director, NYSARC, Inc.

cc: John A. Schuppenhauer, Esq., President, NYSARC, Inc.