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Commissioner Courtney Burke
NYS OPWDD
44 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12229

Dear Commissioner Burke:

I am writing in response to the recent 2013-14 state budget change allowing MLTC's to expand to offer specialized services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. WellCare of New York, Inc. (WellCare) operates a Managed Long Term Care Plan in thirteen Counties throughout New York State. I am hopeful you will accept this letter as a strong indication that WellCare is interested in expanding our scope of services within our current MLTC footprint.

WellCare is impressed with the design of the People First Wavier Program and we support the different organizational options developed by OPWDD and the Department of Health. We recognize there is a strong emphasis on partnerships between mental disabilities service agencies and health plans. This will benefit the individual with disabilities and ensure a financially strong and stable organization.

WellCare has had preliminary discussions with potential developmental disability agency partners who are interested in participating in the program. We are intensifying our outreach to organizations that serve the developmentally disabled and plan to expand our affiliations beyond the organizations we interact with today.

Thank you for considering WellCare as a potential participant in this exciting new initiative.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Conroy
State President
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