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Mr. Tim Engelhardt, Acting Director CMS Medicare Medicaid Coordination Office 200 Independence Avenue SW Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Engelhardt,

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services is pleased to submit this nonbinding letter of intent in response to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) announcement of the opportunity for states to extend the scheduled end date of their financial alignment demonstrations by two years. We understand this extension will assist states with budget planning processes and help to minimize disruptions for beneficiaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to continue working with CMS to improve the ways in which Virginia serves individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare services. We sincerely appreciate the partnership we have forged with you with the triple aim of improving our most vulnerable population's experiences in health care. We look forward to continuing this partnership with you for all of our dual eligible populations.

Sincerely,

Cynthia B. Jones