

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 3, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

As Members of the Indiana Congressional Delegation, we write in support of the State of Indiana's application for a Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver to expand the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) to include individuals making up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

HIP is an innovative, consumer-driven health insurance program designed to empower members to take personal responsibility for their health care decisions. HIP was passed with bipartisan support by the Indiana General Assembly in 2007, and in 2011 the state legislature called for HIP to be a vehicle for coverage expansion. As a demonstration project for more than six years, the program has achieved a number of positive results, including high growth in preventative and primary care services and lower non-emergency utilization of hospital emergency rooms. HIP is extremely popular among its members, as evidenced by a member satisfaction rate of more than 95 percent for several consecutive years.

The State of Indiana's application to expand HIP to current able-bodied adult Medicaid enrollees and to Hoosiers with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level will ensure that the entire eligible population has access to quality health coverage and the right mix of incentives to encourage them to take personal responsibility for their health. Additionally, the State's waiver offers Medicaid-eligible Hoosiers more health care choices through the new HIP Plus, HIP Basic, and HIP Employer Link plans.

We are committed to improving the health of Hoosiers, and therefore we request a prompt and positive review of the State of Indiana's waiver application.

Sincerely,



Dan Coats  
United States Senator



Jackie Walorski  
Member of Congress



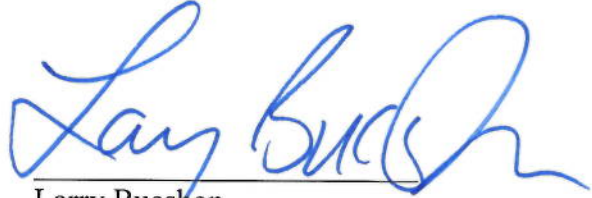
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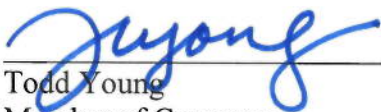
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