



**DELAWARE HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

DIVISION OF  
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Ms. Shanna Wiley  
Project Officer  
Division of State Demonstrations and Waivers  
Children & Adults Health Program Groups  
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

RE: Waiver of Open Enrollment under 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Project, "Diamond State Health Plan & Diamond State Health Plan-PLUS" (DSHP & DSHP-PLUS);  
Project No. 11-W-00036/3

Dear Ms. Wiley:

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid & Medical Assistance (DMMA) requests a one-time waiver of Open Enrollment requirements under 42 CFR 438.26(c)(2)(ii) to allow the State to transition to a new benefit year.

DMMA recently released an RFP for MCO services with a new benefit year beginning January 1, 2015. This change was designed to: 1) align the benefit period with the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) and 2) enable the new contracts to more fully reflect the efforts of the State's SIM transformation planning effort.

Our intent is to amend our existing MCO contracts to cover the additional six months from July 1 – December 1, 2014. We believe it would be counterproductive and confusing to our members to conduct two open enrollments in a six-month period and, therefore, request this waiver so that we can delay the regularly scheduled May 2014 open enrollment until October 2014.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen M. Groff  
Director