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Subject: Much-Needed Health Care Dollars to the District

To whom it may concern:

We at Amerihealth Caritas DC would like to applaud The Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking for holding insurer CareFirst accountable to its community obligations and furthering an opportunity to bring much-needed health care dollars to the District. As the largest Medicaid and Alliance provider in the District of Columbia we believe these funds can be used to improve the health for many of our members. We propose the surplus funds to be used in several ways:

1. Health Information Exchange (HIE). (1) subsidize the uptake and implementation of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) for those providers not yet using electronic medical records, and (2) provide financial support to select and build out a data exchange infrastructure accessible to all parties and not reliant on a particular technology or analytic solution for utilization.

2. Helping homeless and newly-housed residents get access to health services and care coordination. The District is combatting chronic homelessness with programs like permanent supportive housing, but is still seeking ways to fund the health and case management services needed to really support residents and keep them housed. These funds could also be directed towards Medicaid-funded permanent supportive housing programs that will be a part of health homes that roll out in 2017.

3. Expanding the maternal and child health home visiting program. This evidence-backed program helps families with small children get access to health insurance, immunizations, preventive care, and nutrition and wellness resources that can help children enter school healthy and ready to learn. Right now the program is limited primarily to Wards 5, 7, and 8, and will lose federal funding after 2017.

We believe that investing these dollars into improving healthcare information technology, addressing social determinants like housing, and providing quality preventive care will ultimately save the city millions by improving the community health of our most vulnerable citizens.

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