

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

September 19, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell  
Secretary  
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

As elected officials representing the Commonwealth of Kentucky in Congress, we want to express our support for an expedited review of Kentucky's Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver, Kentucky HEALTH (Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health).

Medicaid is a unique program and we firmly believe that states know best how to build a successful model with quality and sustainable coverage. A number of states have pursued reasonable, targeted changes to their Medicaid programs in a way that is best suited to their constituents. Similarly, Kentucky's Medicaid waiver request seeks to drive better health outcomes in an innovative, common-sense way that reduces the financial burden on Kentucky taxpayers.

Kentucky HEALTH is a transformational and modernized program focused on participants and taxpayers alike. In addition to ensuring the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Medicaid program, Kentucky HEALTH encourages beneficiaries to be active members of their communities. The able-bodied members are incentivized to improve their health and overall well-being through community engagement activities, job training opportunities, and participation in public health classes. Kentucky HEALTH also encourages and incentivizes education for those who want to pursue a GED while also recognizing and rewarding caretaking responsibilities—both of which were incorporated in response to public comments.

As you consider Kentucky HEALTH, we ask that you afford the waiver a fair and timely review and allow the Commonwealth the opportunity to demonstrate that the Kentucky HEALTH waiver proposal can improve health outcomes while also protecting the long-term viability of the Medicaid program.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

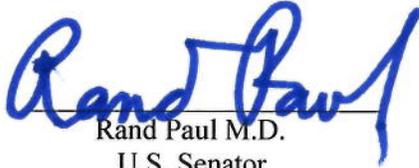
Sincerely,



Mitch McConnell  
U.S. Senator



Brett Guthrie  
U.S. Congressman



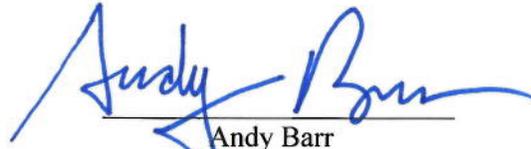
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U.S. Senator



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U.S. Congressman



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