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Subject: HIDALGO SDA

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the Hidalgo Service Delivery Area ("SDA"), I am responding to the July 12, 2017 request that each SDA intending to participate in the Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program ("UHRIP") nominate one governmental entity, which is also a source of IGT, to act as the primary conduit of communications between HHSC and the hospitals and MCOs in each SDA. Per your request, my colleague, Eduardo Olivarez, and I have been nominated by the Hidalgo SDA to serve as the UHRIP liaison for the Hidalgo SDA, contingent on Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court approval of the nomination. We understand that as the designated liaison, we are responsible for coordinating with HHSC and disseminating information on the program to all stakeholders in the SDA. We will work with our County Commissioner's Court, as well as the governing bodies in Webb, Cameron, Starr and Maverick counties, to ensure that all necessary approvals are in place as soon as possible.

Please see below for the requested contact information. As you review the information below, we recognize that the "Hospital Name" field is blank. The sponsoring governmental entity - Hidalgo County - is a county in the Hidalgo SDA and thus the "Hospital Name" field does not apply. Additionally, my colleague and I are employees of Hidalgo County and are not corporate officers of a health care facility/provider.

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We look forward to working with you and the UHRIP participants in the Hidalgo SDA over the coming weeks to ensure that UHRIP is implemented as scheduled. Many of the hospitals and Medicaid beneficiaries in the Hidalgo SDA stand to benefit from the new program. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or if you need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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