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March 20, 2013

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
US Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

Gateway to Care has submitted a proposal to the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) for funding under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Outreach and Enrollment grant opportunity. Gateway to Care (GTC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit collaborative organization, serving over 167 health and human service agencies throughout the greater Houston/Harris County region since 2000. GTC is requesting a total of \$936,375 over the 24-month project period to support "**Connecting Kids to Coverage**". CMS funds will be supplemented with \$276,869 of in-kind support for a total project of \$1,490,113 for two years.

The focus area of this proposal is **#5 Training Strategies**- Establishing and conducting training programs to equip communities to help families understand the new application and enrollment system and to deliver effective assistance.

GTC Members and Supporters Interested in partnering in the project include 32 signatures on the MOU which can be found on the attached MOU as the list is too long for a one page letter.

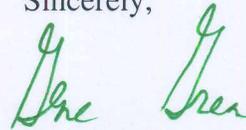
A collaborative since 2000 and a 501(c)(3) organization since 2006, GTC's programs include a pro-bono/specialty referral Provider Health Network, development of community health centers, management of a Medical Reserve Corps, a Caregiver Education program, Navigation Services and the Community Health Worker Training Institute. As such, GTC has in place the appropriate protocols and programs, as well as the huge network of service providers needed to operate this project.

On behalf of Gateway to Care I am including my support of this project. It is vital that the children of this region are connected to coverage and Gateway to Care is very well suited to perform these tasks successfully. They will meet the goals, train the community, and increase the knowledge base for continued successful work.

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The Project Director is Ron Cookston, Ed.D., Executive Director. His contact information is 3611 Ennis, Houston, TX 77004, 713-783-4616 with e-mail of ron.cookston@gatewaytocare.org cell phone is 281-785-3077. Should you or your staff have any questions please feel free to contact him.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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