



November 22, 2019

The Honorable Alex Azar  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Resubmission of Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Workforce Bridge Account Amendment Section 1115 Waiver

Dear Secretary Azar:

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation appreciates the opportunity to resubmit comments on Indiana's 1115 Amendment Request: Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) Workforce Bridge Account Amendment Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver (Project Number 11-W-00296/5).

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation appreciates Indiana's efforts to provide a bridge to commercial coverage for those who lose Medicaid eligibility based on income. However, this waiver does not solve the problems created by Indiana's current Medicaid waiver requiring enrollees to report hours worked. The state itself has acknowledged the validity of our concerns in their recent suspension of the Gateway to Work reporting requirements.<sup>1</sup>

Please see below for our original comments regarding the Workforce Bridge Amendment.

Sincerely,

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Mary B. Dwight  
Senior Vice President of Policy & Advocacy

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Lisa Feng, DrPH  
Senior Director of Policy & Advocacy

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<sup>1</sup> Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. Press Release: Pending resolution of federal lawsuit, FSSA will temporarily suspend Gateway to Work reporting requirements. October 2019. Available at:

[https://www.in.gov/fssa/files/Gateway\\_to\\_Work\\_suspension\\_announcement.pdf](https://www.in.gov/fssa/files/Gateway_to_Work_suspension_announcement.pdf)