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New York Regional Operations Group ROG: SPA -NY 19-0004 VH

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Donna Frescatore Medicaid Director One Commerce Plaza Suite 1211 Albany, New York 12210

Dear Ms. Frescatore,

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services New York Regional Office received your request on May 24, 2019, to withdraw from consideration for approval proposed New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) #19-0004. This SPA proposed to establish a pilot program for reimbursement of services provided by doulas in specific geographical areas in New York State that have the highest prevalence of maternal and infant mortality rates in New York State.

The Regional Office accepts your withdrawal request and is no longer processing the approval of this SPA.

If you have further questions or concerns please contact Vennetta Harrison at <u>vennetta.harrison@cms.hhs.gov</u> or (212) -616-2214.

Sincerely,

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