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Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Department of Medicaid Services
275 East Main Street, 6W-C
Frankfort, KY 40621

To Whom it May Concern:

The Children's Alliance is happy to provide a letter of support for Humana of Kentucky as they pursue their bid for the Kentucky Medicaid and SKY Managed Care Organization (MCO) contracts. Humana has been easy to work with and available to our staff and member agencies over the years and we have appreciated their partnership.

Recently, Humana representatives reached out to the Children's Alliance Independent Provider Association (CA-IPA), a subsidiary of the Children's Alliance made up of 16 member agencies, to talk about how we can creatively and effectively care for the special needs of children in or at-risk of entering the foster care system. Humana and the CA-IPA is interested in developing programs to increase access and improve the quality of behavioral health services for Kentucky's at-risk children and families.

Humana and the CA-IPA believe children and families in Kentucky would benefit from additional access to in-home community-based services. Together we believe children should be served in their homes and communities whenever possible and have access to intensive, strengths-based, trauma focused, in-home services in order to empower families to be successful and remain together.

We are excited to partner with Humana in multiple ways. If Humana is awarded the SKY contract, Humana will contract with our IPA network to create a system of care that is incentivized to work together. The contract and the quality measures implemented will be designed to achieve positive outcomes for all children and families across the continuum of care. Additionally, we plan to participate on their community and provider advisory boards and advocate for continuous quality improvement and ensure our network benefits from appropriate training.

We look forward to partnering with Humana to design effective programs that wrap services around the child and their families in order to help them heal from trauma, leading to improved behaviors at home, at school, and in the community. These positive outcomes contribute to increased placement stability, school success, a reduction in psychiatric hospitalization, and enhanced family relationships.

If you would like to speak with me or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at michelle@childrensallianceky.org or 502-320-6484. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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President

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