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Hello Keri –

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the letter of support we are seeking. I hope you are doing well. I was wondering if Commissioner Underwood would be able to write a support letter to aid with our pursuit of an 1115 SMI Waiver which would allow our two free-standing psychiatric hospitals the ability to bill Medicaid for adults in need of acute psychiatric stabilization. The waiver will allow for much needed acute psychiatric bed expansion for the adult population. We have gained the support of the Alabama Hospital Association and Dept of Mental Health who will be joining us in a meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> with Commissioner Azar to request an 1115 SMI waiver application be submitted to CMS. I have attached sample letter terminology which may help when drafting a letter. I have also provided a copy of the brief detailing the 1115 waiver opportunity that was presented by CMS to the State Medicaid Directors. If you could draft and send back my way that would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance,

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