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Honorable Stephen M. Casey, Chairman
House Health and Human Services Committee
House Lounge, State House
Providence, RI, 02903

RE: H 5195 – Relating to Health and Safety – Oversight of Risk-Bearing Provider Organizations

Dear Chairman Casey:

The Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) and Executive Office of Health and Human Services appreciates the sponsor of this bill for requiring OHIC to conduct oversight of risk-bearing provider organizations (RBPOs) and risk-based contracts. This oversight will ensure that RBPOs remain financially solvent by measuring the RBPO's ability to assume financial risk for the cost of health care services in their contracts with payers. Provider solvency under risk-based contracts is an essential condition to maintaining access to care, continuity, and network adequacy for consumers.

Over time, stakeholders have provided valuable feedback about this issue. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you, the other members of the committee, and the sponsors to suggest several amendments to this bill that would account for this feedback.

Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Tigue
Health Insurance Commissioner

Benjamin Shaffer
Medicaid Program Director

Cc: Honorable Members House Health and Human Services Committee
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