

July 29, 2022

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**SENT VIA EMAIL** 

Dear Director Dolly and Regional Administrator Silbermann:

Please accept this letter and the attached documents as Rhode Island's federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 – FFY 2024 UHIP New DDI Implementation Advance Planning Document Update (IAPD).

As you know RIBridges was certified by CMS on July 20, 2022. As such, the state is submitting three APD's related to RIBridges/UHIP – a Closeout APD for work that began in FFY 2022, an Operations APD for all RIBridges Maintenance and Operations (M&O) work beginning in FFY 2023 with the exception of the COVID and Public Health Unwinding M&O work that is included in the Closeout APD and this new DDI IAPD for work that will begin in FFY 2023.

Through this IAPD, Rhode Island is requesting continued funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to support system enhancements to address budget initiatives and policy changes and to address audit findings. In addition, there are system enhancements to improve worker productivity and the customer experience. Included in the submission are related budget and cost allocation planning details.

The State acknowledges that per 45 CFR 95.611(d), CMS has 60 days to provide approval of this submission. The State further acknowledges that enhanced funding for system development is currently authorized through September 30, 2022. We look forward to feedback on this submission to ensure continuous funding.

Please let me know if I or the Rhode Island team can assist in any way with your review. Thank you and your team for their ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wu

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Enclosures with this email:

UHIP New DDI IAPD Transmittal Letter 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Narrative Submission 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment A - Timeline 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment B - Governance FFY23 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment C - Performance Measures 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment D - Knowledge Services FFY23 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment E - Personnel FFY23 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment E - Personnel FFY24 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment F - Budget by Quarter FFY23 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment F - Budget by Quarter FFY24 20220729

UHIP New DDI IAPD Attachment G - Summary Budget FFY23 20220729

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