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## **Delaware Health Care Affordability Standards: An Integrated Approach to Improve Access, Quality and Value**

CAMP Rehoboth appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Department of Insurance's Office of Value Based Health Care Delivery report, "Delaware Health Care Affordability Standards: An Integrated Approach to Improve Access, Quality and Value." We particularly support the Department's efforts to encourage expansion of primary care access and affordability in Delaware.

CAMP Rehoboth is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community service organization dedicated to creating a positive environment inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Rehoboth Beach Delaware and its related communities. We seek to promote cooperation and understanding among all people, as we work to build a safer community with room for all. CAMP Rehoboth has a deep and enduring commitment to the health of LGBTQ Delawareans, as evidenced by the depth and breadth of our Health & Wellness Programs, including Sexual Health Counseling, HIV and STI Testing, Health Testing and Flu Shots, Health/Wellness Programs for 55+, HIV Prevention at 5 sites, advice about PrEP, Support Groups, and Grief Counseling. Further, CAMP Youth UP program connects LGBTQ+ youth and families to information and community-based resources as well as providing advocacy, support, and health and wellness education to youth impacted by bullying, abuse, and harassment.

In our experience, access to affordable care has proven to be an insurmountable challenge to members of the LGBTQ community on a number of levels. All too often, members of the LGBTQ community experience systemic bias in terms of access to quality medical care, and assuming access can be achieved, healthcare is often not affordable. Access and affordability are particularly challenging to transgender and nonbinary members of our community, including those Delawareans who are in transition.

Accordingly, CAMP Rehoboth appreciates the candor with which the Department analyzes the status of primary care in Delaware and the integrated approaches the Department proposes to help address this critical problem. We encourage the Department to include a special focus on healthcare access and affordability to LGBTQ Delawareans in its implementation of the report's recommendations, because of the special challenges that members of the LGBTQ community face that are in addition to the challenges faced by the non-LGBTQ community.

We look forward to partnering with the Department as it moves forward with this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Mariner".

David Mariner

Executive Director, CAMP Rehoboth