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To: Missouri Department of Social Services

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In my role as Chief Transformation Officer of MO HealthNet, I support the evaluation of solutions that seek to demonstrate improvements in care outcomes for patients in Missouri while also addressing unnecessary healthcare costs. Thus, I am happy to provide this letter in support of Asthma Ready<sup>®</sup> Communities data request supporting both the execution and the impact analysis of the ALPACAH (At Last Pediatric Asthma Care at Home) Program; a study evaluating a virtual-care model for pediatric asthma management at home.

I am familiar with the proposed Asthma Ready<sup>®</sup> Communities and BioSTL's Center for Rural Health Innovation partnership with NuvoAir (an at-home respiratory care solution) seeking to demonstrate improved asthma control for children across Missouri, while reducing acute care (e.g., ED visits and hospital days) and overall health costs.

Claims data can provide the benchmark and intervention outcome metrics required to evaluate new care-at-home delivery models. Leveraging claims data in support of the ALPACAH study will help evaluate the ability to improve asthma care in rural areas where best practice guidelines have been difficult to achieve based on the limited availability of asthma equipment (particularly spirometry) and challenges related to patient access and transportation and ultimately seeking to providing better care to children with uncontrolled asthma across Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kirk Mathews'.

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