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Dear Dr. Francisco:

As Director of the Mo HealthNet Division, Missouri's Medicaid agency, I am happy to provide this letter of support for your proposal to Missouri Foundation for Health for "Opportunity Fund" entitled "**Community Asthma Care and Education Hubs**". We recognize that the University of Missouri-Columbia, Asthma Ready® Communities has an established track record of successful collaboration with Missouri Primary Care Association, the MU Center for Health Policy (CHP) and the Missouri Prevention and Control Program. With ongoing assurances that exchange of data will be HIPAA-compliant, we support this proposal. This project closes a critical information gap by transforming administrative claims data into important alerts at the point-of-care in both health care and community settings. Claims data together with family-led interventions for improving asthma control and home environmental conditions will support better treatment decisions.

Through your approved project that accesses Missouri Medicaid administrative claims data through the Mo HealthNet Data Project repository at CHP on the campus of the University of Missouri, you have delivered Asthma Risk Panel Reports to several safety net clinics and health systems across the state. Through local quality improvement efforts under the Asthma Care Accelerator ECHO these reports have driven significant reductions in asthma burden and cost.

Your proposed use of claims data and community-derived check-up data are strategic to the deployment of preventive asthma services and Missouri primary care health home care coordination.

Good Luck with your proposal!

Sincerely,

Todd Richardson, Director
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