



GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO
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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael Crapo
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
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United States House of
Representatives
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The Honorable Cathy Rodgers
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Dear Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Rodgers:

In coordination with the Puerto Rico Department of Health, I write to provide you with the final two reports in compliance with the congressional reporting requirements mandated under the *Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020* (P.L. 116-94). The reports included are:

Develop Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Plan: In the report, Puerto Rico provides its response to comply with the Development of the PERM plan as requested in P.L. 116-94. Our Medicaid Enterprise has made significant strides towards establishing a roadmap PERM. Although Puerto Rico has not historically participated in the federal program, Puerto Rico has a well-established plan and procedures that will help ensure a smooth transition into PERM. The attached report describes our strategy and implementation plan to achieve PERM compliance, working in conjunction with CMS.

Review Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC): In this report Puerto Rico has outlined its response to the MEQC requirements for full participation in the MEQC program. Currently, Puerto Rico is well-positioned to comply with the requirements outlined by CMS, as many required policies and procedures are already in practice. We have detailed the plan to comply with such requirements for the aspects that will be new to Puerto Rico; that is, Puerto Rico has outlined the strategy to complete the State Planning Document and comply with the state reporting requirements.

Medicaid is designed to treat our Nation's most vulnerable populations, including low-income families, the elderly, children and individuals with disabilities. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico suffered from severe health conditions that require urgent care, including mental health issues and chronic diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, Hepatitis C and HIV. The increased federal Medicaid funding enacted by P.L. 116-94 secured life-saving services to the approximately 1.6 million beneficiaries that depend on Medicaid to meet their most basic physical and behavioral health needs in Puerto Rico. Therefore, we continue to stress the urgent need for Congress to enact a permanent solution to ensure Puerto Rico's Medicaid Program and Medicaid beneficiaries on the Island do not face cuts in their essential medical services.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact Carmen M. Feliciano, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration, at (202) 778-0710 or via email cfeliciano@prfaa.pr.gov.

Sincerely,



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