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THOMAS M. SUEHS  
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

August 9, 2012

The Honorable Keith Self  
County Judge  
2300 Bloomdale Road, Suite 4192  
McKinney, Texas 75071

Dear Judge Self:

Thank you for your letter dated July 27, 2012, regarding Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHPs) development as the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) implements the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 Waiver. I value your input.

You indicated in your letter Collin County will continue to serve as the RHP 18 anchor regardless of HHSC's decision regarding Denton County's request to move to RHP 9. You also asked HHSC to quickly determine if Denton County will move to RHP 9 and provide written clarification that intergovernmental transfers for both Uncompensated Care (UC) and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) can cross regional lines based on demonstrated patient flow.

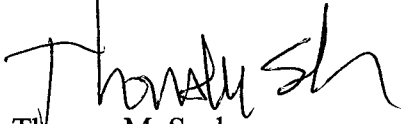
HHSC appreciates Collin County's confirmation about their plans to continue as the anchor of RHP 18. On Friday, August 3, 2012, HHSC approved Denton County's request to move to RHP 9 based on information received indicating that both anchors were fine with the move and that there was consensus by Denton County RHP participants regarding this request.

In terms of written guidance to counties regarding UC and DSRIP funds crossing RHP boundaries, HHSC has consistently communicated that intergovernmental transfer funds may cross RHP lines based on patient flow. This information is included in the draft Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol dated June 29, 2012, and posted on our website (<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-docs/Draft-Mechanic-Protocol.pdf>, page 6, paragraph 6.b). HHSC also intends to include this guidance in the transformation waiver program administrative rules scheduled to be proposed in the *Texas Register* later this month.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Lisa Kirsch, Medicaid/CHIP Deputy Director for Healthcare Transformation Waiver Operations and Cost Containment, serves as lead on this matter and can be reached at (512) 491-1482 or by email at [Lisa.Kirsch@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Lisa.Kirsch@hhsc.state.tx.us).

Sincerely,



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