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Dear Dr. McGinty and Dr. Williams,

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 9th requesting that URAC consider adoption of new standards specific to in-network hospital-based providers into our accreditation standards governing network adequacy.

As you're aware, the business of healthcare is a uniquely local phenomenon and an intimately personal one for patients. Given a myriad of dynamics, what is considered an adequate network in one community may be inadequate for another.

As a national accreditor, we strive to build accreditation programs that assure quality and consumer protection in a manner that works for every community. URAC's Health Plan Accreditation standards reflect industry best practices for the development, management, and evaluation of a health plan's network of providers. URAC standards support the creation of a system to monitor a health plan's network and confirm that it meets the clinical needs of its enrolled population.

We develop and revise our standards through a broad-based stakeholder process that includes both payers and providers. I will include you on our distribution lists, so you may participate in future revisions to URAC's Health Plan Accreditation standards.

I appreciate you sharing pertinent information and the perspective from your respective Colleges.

Best regards,

Kylanne Green

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