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To Whom It May Concern,

I applaud the basic concepts outlined in the State Innovation Model (SIM) plan and have a few comments and suggestions.

Oral Health should be integrated into the plan in a more visible way. In particular, under Primary Care Practice Transformation, the concept of a primary care 'Dental Home', should be linked to the Advanced Medical Home (AMH) in a visible manner. While sometimes seen as specialty care, the Dental Home provides primary dental care. In fact many patients receive primary dental care at their Dental Home on a more frequent basis that they receive primary medical care from their Medical Home.

Emphasize coordination within the SIM between medical and dental providers, that is between the AMH and the Dental Home. The link between oral health and overall health is well documented. I would reference *Advancing Oral Health in America*, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (2011) and *Oral Health in America, A Report of the Surgeon General* (2000).

Under **Medicaid Medical, Behavioral Health and Dental ASOs** I would cite the work of my organization, the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, the dental ASO in coordinating improved dental care for Medicaid clients, in coordination with medical providers, dental providers and community partners. In five years we have increased the number of dental providers from about 300 to about 1,800 and in increased the child dental utilization rate from about 30% to about 60%, one of the highest rates in the country.

Thank your for your consideration.

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