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Dear Drs. Thomas and Hassell,

We are pleased to share this letter of agreement in support of your application for the Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) funding opportunity for Regional Genetics Networks (HRSA-20-046). As the current regional genetics network for the mountain states region (Mountain States Regional Genetics Network, MSRGN) you have done valuable work to increase access to genetic services and provide education about genetic disorders. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) has acted as the National Coordinating Center (NCC) for the regional networks and as such, we have been an integral partner with you in your endeavors, supporting and offering guidance for your engagement efforts. MSRGN has been successful in developing and sustaining collaboration to improve access to genetic services within the region and has supported innovative activities to strengthen the newborn screening and genetic services delivery systems, especially to the regions underserved populations.

Additionally, MSRGN has facilitated long-term relationships between public health practitioners, clinical providers, and families in the region. Your efforts to strengthen long-term follow-up of children identified through newborn screening, introduce telemedicine and transitioning, educate professionals and consumers on genetic topics, and incorporate the consumer perspective into all aspects of decision-making have been valuable for the population of individuals with (or at risk for) genetic disorders and their families in your region.

We are very supportive of MSRGN in its efforts to work with the ACMG and with other partners to ensure that individuals have access to quality genetic services. Collaboration between our programs and activities would improve and maximize linkages between the ACMG and MSRGN.

We are pleased to collaborate with you in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

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