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Dear Ms. Burke:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed amendments and to provide comments. Highmark has no objections to the proposed amendments. However, we do seek clarification of one of the proposed amendments. Section 89.777b(f)(7) allows individuals who were eligible for Medicare Part B prior to January 1, 2020 to enroll in a newly redesignated high deductible G plan. We're not clear on the intent of this amendment. If an individual is newly eligible for Medicare Part B in 2019 they can enroll in newly redesignated high deductible G in 2019? Or do they have to wait until January 1, 2020? We're particularly concerned about those who straddle 2019 and 2020.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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