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Dear Benjamin Chevat:

Thank you for your letter dated February 6, 2024, to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Mandy K. Cohen, MD, MPH, concerning the performance of a CDC contractor—Managed Care Advisors-Sedgwick (MCA)—providing Nationwide Provider Network (NPN) services for the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program. I am responding on behalf of Dr. Cohen.

In your letter, you list 16 provisions that the 9/11 Health Watch Board of Directors believes are essential to any future NPN contract. The WTC Health Program and the CDC Office of Acquisition Services (OAS) will take the 16 provisions and your explanatory details into consideration for any new NPN contract. The decision to include any requirement or provision in a WTC Health Program contract is influenced by the needs of the WTC responders and survivors, past experience, applicable laws and regulations, and the professional judgment of WTC Health Program and OAS personnel.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please reach out to Lauren Cimineri, Deputy Director for the WTC Health Program at [xxk0@cdc.gov](mailto:xxk0@cdc.gov) or Jessica Bilics, the WTC Health Program Policy Coordinator at [hvg8@cdc.gov](mailto:hvg8@cdc.gov).

Sincerely,

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