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1. <i>Carolyn Roach</i> <i>See attachment</i> <i>Is a letter needed?</i>	<i>3/25/14</i>		
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>3/31/14</i>		<i>RECEIVED</i> MAR 17 REC'D Report submitted <i>EEm via email to Vern.</i>
3. <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>4/8/14</i>		
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March 5, 2014

Tony Keck, Director
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Dear Mr. Keck:

I am writing for two reasons. First, I thank you and your staff for providing data for the June 2013 Medicaid enrollment update for *The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured*. If you have not already seen it, the June 2013 snapshot is available at <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-june-2013-data-snapshot/>. This continues to be a valuable resource that provides consistent, comparable and timely enrollment data across all states.

Second, we are now preparing a report we hope to release in April which will focus on trends in Medicaid enrollment through December 2013. For that report, we are asking that you send us the report or Excel workbook that Michael Jones has sent us in the past, updated with Medicaid enrollment data for the month of December 2013. If you have any data for more recent months that you can send (even if it is only summary data or is preliminary) that would be helpful. Also, if you have posted your Medicaid enrollment data online, please let us know where such data are located on your site. This will hopefully help facilitate current and future data requests.

We would like if at all possible to have this data no later than March 31st. Most states now provide the information electronically. If you are able to do so, please e-mail your response to Dennis Roberts at: droberts@healthmanagement.com. Otherwise, please fax the report to Dennis at: 517-482-0920, or mail to his attention at:

Health Management Associates
120 N. Washington Square, Suite 705
Lansing, MI 48933

You will note we are sending a copy of this letter to Michael Jones who assisted us as we gathered data for the last report. I hope this will facilitate our request because of the short timeframes we are working under for this report.

We recognize that there are many requests for this data from many sources, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Our desire is not to add to that burden unnecessarily, but to continue to provide a reliable 50 state data set, particularly in this time of intense focus on enrollment trends in light of the historic changes going into effect across states. We will continue to evaluate the benefit of such requests as time goes on and other data becomes available.

I thank you very much for your help on this very important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen/Ellis, Dennis Roberts, or me at 517-482-9236.

Sincerely,

Vernon K. Smith, Ph.D.
Principal

cc: Michael Jones

Thank you!

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