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September 24, 2010

Ms. Emma Forkner

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Dear Emma:

I want to express my appreciation to you and many of your staff for the hours of expertise, dialogue, and assistance as the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) worked to amend all four of the HCBS Waivers we operate for you. The Waivers have all been amended as follows:

MR/RD:

- Modifying Quality Management Sections
- Removing the option for Daily Respite to comply with IRS requirements

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CS:

- Modifying Quality Management Sections
- Removing the option for Daily Respite to comply with IRS requirements
- Reserving capacity in the Waiver for those currently receiving DDSN funded services
- Clarifying and updating information in the Waiver to be consistent with current policy and practice

The amendments in all four Waivers were planned to be submitted to CMS before October 1, 2010, with the request for an effective date of January 1, 2011. A hold-up to submitting these amendments has been the finalization of treatment of administrative cost related to DDSN's Organized Health Care Delivery System. Given that DHHS and DDSN have agreed on the methodology which DDSN will employ to determine the administrative costs and the utilization to adjust the Waiver reimbursements for 2011 via a retrospective cost settlement process, we believe the current Waiver amendments we submitted to DHHS are complete, ready for DHHS review and approval, with the hope they can move forward to CMS by Thursday, September 30, 2010. These amendments are essential for DDSN budget stability.

I do understand from my staff, that we could have done a better job in preparing the amendments and keeping your staff informed of updates, changes and progress. Please be assured that we are committed to improving our level of communication with DHHS as we move forward in considering any future amendments to any of the Waivers.

We are grateful to DHHS for the many years of support for people with lifelong disabilities from you and your staff.

Sincerely,



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