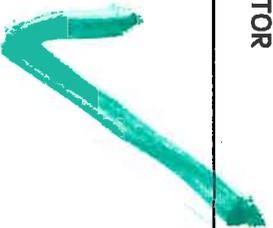


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Re: Pilot Request for the Quality Control Sample Period October 2008 – March 2009

Dear Ms. Forkner:

This letter is to inform you of our decision regarding your proposed Medicaid Eligibility Quality Control (MEQC) Pilot Project.

Your pilot proposal has been approved for the first six months of FY 2009. This approval covers the period of October 2008 through March 2009.

Based on our review of the proposal and any additional information provided by your staff, we have determined this initiative meets the objectives of the MEQC pilot program. Please note that workload equivalence must be maintained throughout the project. During the term of your approved pilot project, your error rate will be frozen.

Since the Regional Office is responsible for evaluating the results of each pilot, please forward any data or reports that you may have generated from these reviews that you believe may be beneficial to our assessment. We would appreciate submittal of the final report by August 1st, 2010. We hope that the study will provide valuable information that can be used to prevent erroneous expenditures of Medicaid funds and to protect funds for those persons who are entitled to receive assistance.

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Ms. Forkner

If you have any questions concerning these decisions, please contact Rita E. Nimmmons of my staff at 404-562-7415 or via e-mail at rita.nimmmons@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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