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Emma Forkner, Director
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Dear Ms. Forkner 

I am writing for two reasons. First, I thank you and your staff for providing data for the December 2009 Medicaid enrollment update that Eileen Ellis and David Rousseau prepared for *The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured*. If you have not already seen it, the December 2009 snapshot is available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/8050.cfm>.

Second, we are now preparing our next report which will focus on trends in Medicaid enrollment through June 2010 in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For that report, we are now asking that you send us the report or Excel workbook that Kevin Rogers has sent us in the past, updated with Medicaid enrollment data for the month of June 2010. We are requesting that this information again include the split of your state's Medicaid enrollment between children and adults. (We will again assign disabled children to the "adult" category.)

In addition to the child/adult split, we will continue to track trends in enrollment of other subsets of the Medicaid population including the following: (1) families, children, and pregnant women; (2) aged and disabled; (3) "childless adults" for those states with waivers; (4) Transitional Medical Assistance; (5) poverty-related (SOBRA) enrollment within the "families, children and pregnant women" group; (6) family planning waivers; (7) Pharmacy Plus Waivers; and (8) Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB & QI).

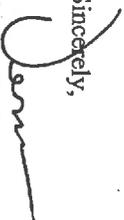
There is special national interest in the impact of the recession on Medicaid enrollment. For that reason, we would like to have this data not later than December 3rd. Most states now provide the information electronically. If you are able to do so, please e-mail your response to Dennis Roberts at: droboters@healthmanagement.com. Otherwise, please fax the report to Dennis at: 517-482-0920, or mail to his attention at:

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You will note we are sending a copy of this letter to Kevin Rogers 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.

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,


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Principal


Thank you!
and Best wishes.

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