

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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<i>No log, Foraker will take care of. See attached note from Comm. Peter 12/22/08</i>	

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