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September 30, 2009

Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

The Honorable Verla Insko, Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health,  
Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 307-B1, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Representative Insko:

Under the provisions of Session Law 2009-0451 Section 10.68A.(a)(7)(j), the Department of Health and Human Services was mandated to complete a report on the plan to transition children out of Level III and Level IV group homes, for submission to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, on or before October 1, 2009.

Planning for implementation, while initiated in June 2009 in anticipation of Legislative action, could not be finalized until the provisions were passed and the legislation enacted in August. Additionally, time has been required to carefully integrate this planning process with the other significant changes to Community Support Services and case management services. In light of these factors, the Department is requesting to extend the date of submission to be on or before October 31, 2009.

The required report has been preliminarily drafted. There has been significant collaboration among multiple divisions, Local Management Entities, providers and advocacy groups in planning for implementation of the changes to residential services for children and adolescents. Implementation will be handled in a careful fashion. Additional time is required to allow finalization of the details in the report prior to submission. Your consideration of these issues is greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me or Dr. Patti Forest, Acting Assistant Director, Clinical Policy and Programs of the Division of Medical Assistance at (919) 855-4260.

Sincerely,

  
Lanier M. Cansler

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Room 300B, Legislative Office Building  
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