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Dear Mr. Simons,

Thank you for your letter dated January 27, 2009 and the interest of the Division in the Medicaid Waiver Workgroup Committees final report and recommendations. We appreciate the opportunity to further explore this information and these recommendations in targeted workgroups with the Division's staff.

I have asked Roger Garlich, Jane Kruse, Betsy Barnes, Jan Jones and Jake Jacobs to represent the association on the workgroup you have formed to examine Medicaid Waiver issues and recommendations contained in the Medicaid Waiver Research Paper and Recommendations.

I have also asked Jim Casey, Vicki McCarrell, Jennie Ames & Marcus Whitlock to work with your staff on a workgroup charged with the responsibility of identifying strategies to increase and improve the flow of communications to and between the Senate Bill 40 Boards and other stockholders.

Again, thank you for your interest in the recommendations of the Medicaid Waiver Report and in furthering the working relationships between the Division, the County boards and other stockholders.

Sincerely,

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