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**Region VIII**

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February 16, 2011

Mary Dalton  
State Medicaid Director  
Department of Public Health and Human Services  
P.O. Box 4210  
Helena, MT 59604-4210

Dear Ms. Dalton:

Enclosed is the final report of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality review of the Montana Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Children's Autism Waiver, CMS control number 0667.R00.01. This waiver serves children age 15 months through seven years of age diagnosed in the autism spectrum disorder with deficits in adaptive behaviors who meet the ICF/MR level of care. Thank you for the State response via e-mail on February 7, 2011 indicating that the State agrees with all of the CMS recommendations and considers the draft report the final document.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who assisted us in the review process, especially Perry Jones with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Program. It was evident that the individuals responsible for monitoring and operating this waiver work very hard and are dedicated to the waiver program. As a result of the State's efforts as evidenced through its data, remediation activities and systems improvements, the State demonstrated substantial compliance with all six review components.

Finally, we would like to remind you that the renewal application for this waiver is due via the web no later than October 1, 2011. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we may be of further assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Di Friedli at (303) 844-7112 or via e-mail at [Diana.Friedli@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Diana.Friedli@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard C. Allen".

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Enclosure

C: Perry Jones, MT  
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