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Dear Mr. Earnest C. Klein, Jr.:

Attached please find the final draft of a provider bulletin and referenced attachments concerning the new reporting requirement passed by the 2003 General Assembly. Public Law #224-2003, Section 68 (the "budget bill") mandates this reporting, applicable to all Indiana Medicaid providers.

In developing the reporting format and process, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) solicited information from provider associations and their members. OMPP was very interested in provider feedback to ensure that the process is one that provides the necessary information in the least burdensome manner possible. While we appreciate the feedback we did receive, we unfortunately, only received responses from a few provider associations.

OMPP recognizes there is considerable angst and uncertainty over this new reporting requirement. As such, it is very disappointing that we did not receive more feedback into the development of the reporting procedure and format. Although we had hoped to publish the bulletin by the end of July, we have chosen to delay that in order to ask for provider feedback one last time.

The proposed reporting process has evolved into a two-step process. It is critical that OMPP receive your feedback in order to ensure that the processes we have developed are clear, meaningful and as simple as possible. We are requesting constructive comments and suggestions from the provider community regarding any proposed enhancements or changes that would facilitate providers' compliance with the legislative reporting mandate.

Please take this opportunity to seek input from your members and to provide comment now, before the process is finalized and the bulletin is issued, so that we can minimize

confusion and increase compliance on the part of the provider community. Please provide written feedback by August 12th to Terry Moritz at tmoritz@mslc.com.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review this final draft and provide any applicable feedback. We appreciate your active participation in assisting OMPP in meeting this new legislative mandate in a manner that does not impose an undue administrative burden on the provider community.

Sincerely,

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