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RE: *Bates v. DHHS* – Quarterly Progress Report

Dear Dan:

Enclosed, pursuant to paragraph 280 of the Settlement Agreement, please find the Adult Mental Health Services Quarterly Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2009.

We continue to report only on system development components that were not yet complete and have deleted past reporting on components that was no longer needed to understand the current status of the component, leaving only the most current, salient reporting.

With this quarter, we have changed the format of the performance and quality improvement standards' report to support more efficient report preparation. In the future, reporting will be expanded to include, where pertinent, discussion of the data and recommendations/actions.

If you have any comments or concerns about the contents of this report, we would be glad to meet to discuss them.

Sincerely,

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