

## Minnesota Department of Human Services -

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Bob Brick, Executive Director ARC Minnesota 3225 Lyndale Avenue South Minneapolis MN 55408

Dear Mr. Brick:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the current status of the draft Consumer Support Grant (CSG) Demonstration Project §1115 waiver proposal. Given the extensive feedback received from various stakeholders regarding the proposal, and the nature of the issues raised about the project's proposed design and implementation, the completion of a final draft has taken longer than expected.

The delay in finalizing the proposal has been necessary to provide sufficient time for a thorough review of all public input and the regulatory and policy issues associated with the recommended changes.

The Department intends to complete its review in the next few weeks. Once the proposal has been finalized, the Department will provide a written response to each individual who participated in the public comment process. A copy of the final CSG waiver request and a summary of the changes made to the initial draft will be included as part of this correspondence.

It is our desire to submit a federal waiver proposal to the Health Care Financing Administration that responds to the needs of people with disabilities and their families and reflects the intent of statutory changes made during the 1999 legislative session.

Thank you for your contribution to this process.

Sincerely.

Jane Hardwick, Manager

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