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Dear Ms. Harris:

This is a request to amend three of Minnesota's Home and Community-Based Service (HCBS) waivers. State law passed in 2001 to add a consumer directed service option to all HCBS waivers. There is considerable interest from stakeholders to make this service available to all waiver recipients. Presently, it is only available to persons with developmental disabilities.

The amendment adds *Consumer Directed Community Supports* (CDCS) to the Traumatic Brain Injury (CMS Control number 4169.90.R1.02) and Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CMS control number 0166.09.R2.02) waivers. The requested effective date for these waivers is July 1, 2003. Due to the pending renewal dates for the Elderly and Community Alternative Care waivers, the CDCS amendment will be included with the renewal requests.

The state is also seeking to revise the current CDCS service in the waiver for Persons with Mental Retardation or Related Conditions (CMS control number 0061.90.R3.) to be consistent with the service being added to the other waivers. The requested effective for this waiver is January 1, 2003.

These amendments support the New Freedom Initiative and concepts from the Independence Plus Templates. One of the most effective ways to assure that recipients are served in the most integrated setting possible is to give them maximum control over the design, management, and evaluation of the supports provided to them.

Enclosed please find the affected waiver plan pages including those in Appendices B1, B2, E, F and G. It is expected that consumers using this option will shift services in their current plans of care. Due to this, no overall cost increases are anticipated; consequently, only the service spreadsheet pages in Appendix G were revised.

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If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Michelle Long of my staff at 651-296-5867.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures