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Dear Larry:

Thank you for your comment dated March 17, 2008, on the Receiver's draft strategic plan.

You are correct that many of the elements in the draft strategic plan are similar to the elements in Mr. Sillen's draft plan of action. That is because the conditions which I am confronting and responding to are very much the same conditions which Mr. Sillen confronted and responded to. The basic problems of getting timely access to the appropriate level of care and making sure that medical personnel are supported by appropriate information systems has not changed.

However, this is not a "do over." Significant elements from the draft plan of action have been dropped entirely, the time frame for executing the plan has been accelerated, system improvements are being made with the explicit goal of creating a system that can be sustained after it is handed back to the state, and we are beginning to implement more rigorous project management. As a result of these efforts, implementation of the draft strategic plan should be quicker and more cost-effective.

Sincerely,

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Receiver