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March 22, 2010

Fletcher Phillips
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit the update of Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services to the Civil Grand Jury's 2008-2009 Report entitled, "Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services – An Uncertain Financial Future" specifically Finding #1.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ann Detrick, Ph.D.
Director

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Finding #1

This Finding reads” “The *ShareCare*TM billing software has not performed as expected, and has failed to bill Medi-Cal and Medicare in a timely manner.”

June 19, 2009 Response

“ADMHS is in the process of defining codes for partial Medicare payments for services provided to persons with dual Medicare/Medi-Cal coverage. The process will be completed by June 30, 2009.”

ADMHS Update

In June 2009, extensive testing was done by ADMHS staff which resulted in additional coding that was developed and installed by the Echo development team. These enhancements allowed the system to accurately translate Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOBs). On June 29, 2010, a Medi-Cal claim was run in the ShareCare billing system using the new computer code that billed and logged Medi-Cal claims that had previously been billed to Medicare.