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To: Members of the CMS Waiver Steering Committee

From: Fred L. DeCrescentis

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. DeCrescentis".

Re: Geographic Modifiers

Date: September 27, 2007

During the July 26, 2007 CMS Waiver Steering Committee meeting, a request was made for both Departments to review and consider the addition of geographic modifiers for all waivers administered by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCP&F). The proposal was reviewed during the August 20, 2007 monthly meeting between HCP&F and DDD as related to those waivers administered by DDD. The outcome of the discussion was that such a policy amendment should not be considered for the following reasons: (1) based upon an earlier analysis in which a geographic modifier was applied to the HCBS-DD waiver, it was discovered that there would be a significant funding shift to the advantage of most front range CCBs at the expense of most smaller CCBs within the developmental disabilities services system; (2) there was a lack of sufficient data upon which to begin to develop a uniform modifier; and (3) geographic modifiers are not included in any of Colorado's 1915 (C) waivers.