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William Streur, Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Streur:

In May 2009, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed a focused on-site review of Alaska's four 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. At that time, the CMS review team identified significant problems with Alaska's implementation and oversight of its four HCBS waivers. In response to the review, Alaska was required to develop and implement a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address and resolve the identified problems.

The week of June 6, 2011, CMS completed a focused on-site review to assess Alaska's progress in implementation of the CAP. The review provided the CMS team an opportunity to meet with Alaska leadership and staff, providers, individuals covered under the waivers, advocates, and Tribal representatives to discuss the CAP activities and the administration of the waiver programs. CMS has concluded that Alaska has met all the requirements related to the development and implementation of the CAP. CMS will continue to provide technical assistance as needed to Alaska regarding the waivers.

We would like to thank you and your staff for all your efforts as you continue to improve services provided to waiver participants. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact, Daphne Hicks at (206) 615-2400 or via email at daphne.hicks@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol J.C. Peverly".

Carol J.C. Peverly
Associate Regional Administrator
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cc: Kimberli Poppe-Smart, Deputy Commissioner