



M. Jodi Rell

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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Commissioner Michael Starkowski
State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5033

Dear Commissioner Starkowski:

I write to authorize and direct you to extend the current transition of beneficiaries in the HUSKY program to newly contracted insurance by a period of two months – from Dec. 1 2008 to Feb. 1, 2009.

I appreciate the effort by the Department of Social Services to implement a gradual transition of HUSKY beneficiaries over the past several months. However, with enrollment in the program increasing by more than 8,000 in the past five months alone, we intend – as we always have – to ensure the enrollees have sufficient access to medical care.

As you know, the reason for the HUSKY transition is that last year participating MCOs refused to comply with state's Freedom of Information Law, despite managing hundreds of millions of dollars in state funds. When they refused to abide by Connecticut's disclosure law, I rightly ordered the termination of their contracts.

I expect that you will report to me regularly on the progress this very important transition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor