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Mr. Darin J. Gordon, Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

Enclosed are two copies of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), report entitled "Contracting Practices for Tennessee Home and Community-Based Services for Mentally Retarded Persons" covering July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2002. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the HHS action official noted below for review and any action deemed necessary.

The HHS action official will make final determination as to actions taken on all matters reported. We request that you respond to the HHS action official within 30 days from the date of this letter. Your response should present any comments or additional information that you believe may have a bearing on the final determination.

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If you have any questions or comments about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mary Ann Moreno at (904) 232-2687 extension 17 or through e-mail at Mary.Moreno@oig.hhs.gov. To facilitate identification, please refer to report number A-04-03-03025 in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures – as stated

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