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Dear Ms. Beck:

Enclosed please find a report to the Joint Budget Committee on the Health Care Policy and Financing Medical Services Premiums expenditures and Medicaid Caseload pursuant to Footnote 32 of the Long Bill, S.B. 05-209:

> *"The Department is requested to submit monthly Medicaid expenditures and Caseload reports on the Medical Services Premiums budget to the Joint Budget Committee, by the third Monday of each month. The Department is requested to include in the report the managed care organization caseload by aid category. The Department is also requested to provide caseload and expenditure data for The Children's Basic Health Plan within the monthly report."*

The data contained in this month's Medicaid Expenditure and Caseload report is reflected as of March 31, 2006, coinciding with the close of Period 9 in the Colorado Financial Reporting System. The current report contains a separate worksheet for Medical Services Premiums Expenditures by service category and Medicaid caseload data by eligibility category, which includes monthly growth rate and Managed Care Enrollment Status.

The December 2005 data cover letter, submitted to the Joint Budget Committee on January 17, 2006, indicated that differences existed in reporting of the Breast and Cervical Cancer eligibility category between two mechanized computer systems, the Medicaid Management Information System and the Colorado Benefits Management System. System updates implemented in March 2006 for both systems now have synchronized the caseload reporting for this eligibility category.

During a systems update in March, an unusual occurrence happened with the Children's Basic Health Plan data. The Department is still analyzing the impact of this update and will report to the Joint Budget Committee as quickly as possible. However, the Children's Basic Health Plan information is not included with this report at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 866-2854.

Sincerely,

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