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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 November 30, 2005, coinciding with the close of Period 5 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.

For the Children's Basic Health Plan, the caseload figures shown for the current month and the five previous months include a manual adjustment for anticipated retroactivity. Recent experience of retroactive capitation payments is used as a guide for estimating the manual adjustment each month. Client counts for the current month and for the five previous months will be updated in next month's report to reflect the impact of actual retroactive capitation payments made in December. November expenditures for the Children's Basic Health Plan reflect the catch up of payments for all contracts that had not been fully executed earlier in the fiscal year and, therefore, the payments could not be made in the earlier months.

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

Sincerely,

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