



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

Thank you for your letter in which you ask the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to reconsider previous guidance regarding the availability of federal funding for the Colorado Community Corrections program. I appreciate your interest in this issue.

As we have previously communicated, we currently consider Colorado Community Corrections program participants to be "inmates" of a public institution and therefore not eligible for Medicaid. However, I am aware of the need for clear national guidance on the circumstances in which federal funding is available for individuals in a variety of settings and programs. CMS is developing such guidance and will release it as quickly as possible. We will be sure to share a copy of this guidance with you as soon as it is published.

Thank you for all of your work implementing the Affordable Care Act, including the expansion of the Medicaid program. I appreciate your partnership to ensure that Coloradoans have access to quality health care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathleen Sebelius