



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Mr. William H. Hogan, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
P.O. Box 110601
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Dear Commissioner Hogan:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is in receipt of your August 27, 2009 letter that provides assurances to CMS regarding its four home and community-based (HCBS) waivers. In light of these assurances and Alaska's ongoing progress in curing the deficiencies identified in the letter CMS forwarded to you on June 26, 2009, effective immediately, CMS lifts the moratorium that was imposed through our June 26, 2009 letter.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on the State's oversight and administration of these waivers to assure the health and welfare of waiver participants. Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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