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Mr. Mark Benton
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Dear Mr. Benton:

I am pleased to inform you of your award of a Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant. Congratulations on your successful application!

We, at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), thank you for your efforts in preparing the application and look forward to our work together throughout the grant period. We expect these demonstration grants will greatly enhance your efforts to rebalance your long-term support system so that individuals have a choice of where they live and receive services. In addition to enhancing your efforts to design and implement rebalancing initiatives, these demonstration grants will also allow you to adopt strategic approaches for improving quality in both home and community-based services and institutional settings.

Your first year award is in the amount of \$16,055. Your projected five year funding request of \$16,897,391 will be awarded in succeeding fiscal years dependent on the approval of your Operational Protocol and the annual attainment of your identified rebalancing benchmarks.

Please examine this offer and respond back to both your CMS Grants Management Specialist and CMS Project Officer with notice of your acceptance of the award, including the terms and conditions, no later than May 31, 2007. In addition to the general terms and conditions, this grant award has special terms and conditions that you will need to review. The enclosed award profile provides all necessary contact information for your CMS partners.

If you accept this award, you may begin immediately to develop your Operational Protocol. Please be advised that CMS has acquired the services of Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. as the national evaluation contractor. This contractor will be available to assist you with the development of the required minimum set of data elements and the rebalancing benchmarks required of all grantees and provide guidance regarding completion of the Operational Protocol.

Enclosed are four important documents regarding your Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant Program Award:

1. **Award Profile** – The award profile is a quick reference list for your grant and includes the grant award number, amount of the grant and contact information for the officers within CMS including, the Grants Management Specialist and Project Officer. Official correspondence should be directed to the CMS Grants Management Specialist with a copy to your CMS Project Officer. Any questions and correspondence regarding programs or initiatives under your grant should be directed to your CMS Project Officer.
2. **Terms and Conditions** - This is the legal document that cites the regulations governing this grant and sets forth the general requirements, assurances, reporting requirements, and other terms and conditions that apply specifically to the grant.
3. **Financial Assistance Award** – This document is the “official” notification of your award from the CMS Office of Acquisition and Grants Management.
4. **Letter of Acceptance (recommended format)** – A letter of acceptance of the grant award serves as official acceptance. Please submit your letter of acceptance to your CMS Grants Management Specialist and send a copy to your CMS Project Officer by close of business on Thursday, May 31, 2007. If you do not plan to accept the grant award, please send a letter of declination to the CMS Grants Management Specialist with a copy to the CMS Project Officer.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to make widespread changes to your long-term support system. The immense opportunities inherent in the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration can truly create dynamic systems that are responsive to the needs and choices of individuals with disabilities and long-term illnesses.

Sincerely,



Dennis G. Smith
Director

Enclosures