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The Honorable Jim Gerlach  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gerlach:

Thank you for your letter recommending Steve Kossor to become a member of the National Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Improvement Workgroup. We appreciate the interest in and support for this important project.

My staff has spoken with Mr. Kossor, and we learned that he has indeed developed an effective approach to serving children and adolescents with developmental disabilities, and has made the approach available to Medicaid-enrolled children through EPSDT. We are always pleased to hear about examples of when Medicaid is working well to serve children. We agree that Mr. Kossor has a great deal of expertise and is a passionate supporter of EPSDT.

The National EPSDT Improvement Workgroup was formed in late 2010, and includes a broad range of stakeholders whose knowledge and expertise have already proven to be very helpful to our thinking on these issues. Because the Workgroup is far along in its process, it would be difficult to add another member at this time.

However, we have established four "sub workgroups," one of which is focused on Behavioral Health issues. That subgroup is designing a process whereby outside experts on particular topics will be invited to share their expertise with the group. We would be delighted to have Mr. Kossor contribute to the project in this way. We will be in touch with him in the near future.

Thank you again for your letter recommending Mr. Kossor. We look forward to benefiting from his expertise as we move forward on this project.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Mann  
Director