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Dear Mr. Denos:

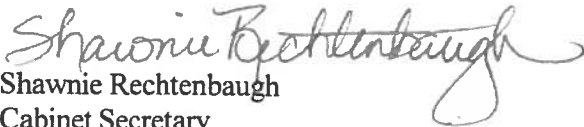
The South Dakota Department of Human Services is the designated agency responsible for assuring compliance with Sections 1616(e) of the Social Security Act, Key Amendment. This correspondence certifies that the Department has:

1. Established, maintained and ensured the enforcement of standards for categories of institutions, foster homes, or group living arrangements in which significant number of Supplement Security Income recipients reside or are likely to reside.
2. Make annually available for public review a summary of the standards that are developed; and
3. Made available without charge, to any interested individuals, a copy of such standards along with the enforcement procedures; a list of waivers of such standards, and any violations.

During the course of this most recent fiscal year South Dakota has had no facilities or individuals excluded from participation in the Title XVII (Medicare) or any State health care programs.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

  
Shawnie Rechtenbaugh  
Cabinet Secretary

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The Department of Human Services does not exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs, activities, or services. For more information about this policy or to file a Discrimination Complaint you may contact: Discrimination Coordinator, Legal Services, 3800 E. Hwy 34, c/o 500 E Capitol Ave., Pierre SD 57501. Phone: 605.773.5990. Email: [dhsinfo@state.sd.us](mailto:dhsinfo@state.sd.us).