January 30, 2004

Dear Nursing Facility Applicant, Resident or Responsible Party:

This notice is to inform you that you may now qualify for Nursing Facility Services. To ensure medically needy recipients receive the services needed, the criteria used to make this determination have been changed.

If you were denied Nursing Facility Services on or after April 4, 2003, and believe you still need these services, then you should contact a Nursing Facility provider in your area. The Nursing Facility provider will complete an assessment of your medical needs using the changed criteria.

If you appealed the denial and still lost your Nursing Facility Services, you should follow the directions above.

Should you have and questions about this letter, you can call the Department for Medicaid Services at 1-800-635-2570 and get information about this notice.

Sincerely,

Russ Fendley
Commissioner

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