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Dear Provider:

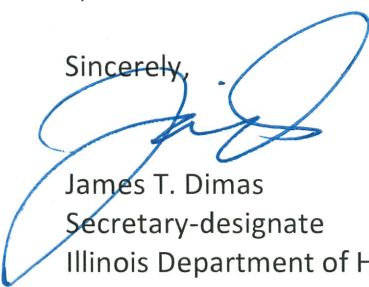
As you are likely aware, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois recently entered an Order on July 2, 2015 regarding the Consent Decree in *Williams v. Rauner*, 05 CV 4673 (N.D. Ill.) ("*Williams*"). Despite the fact that a State budget for Fiscal Year 2016 has not yet been enacted, the Order requires that the Illinois Office of the Comptroller make payments "necessary to comply with the Consent Decree and Implementation Plans." We appreciate your patience as IDHS has worked to develop a plan to comply with the Court's July 2, 2015 Order.

Because there is no budget in place and no appropriation for your organization's services, IDHS does not have authority under the Illinois Constitution to make payments for services, with the exception of those services that are required by the July 2, 2015 order. In order to comply with the Court's Order, we request that you submit bills per Exhibit C of your CSA. IDHS will then process payments for *Williams* services only. If you do not serve any *Williams* class members, IDHS will not be processing payments to your organization until a Fiscal Year 2016 budget is in place.

Once a budget is enacted, IDHS will resume processing regular payments for the other services provided in relation to your IDHS funds. In addition, IDHS fully expects that it will be able to process payments retroactive to July 1, 2015 for non-*Williams* class member services that are covered under a budget enacted for Fiscal Year 2016.

We are extremely grateful for your service to all individuals during these challenging times. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to comply with the Court's July 2, 2015 Order. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your IDHS contact with any questions.

Sincerely,



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