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Ms. Tanya Ask
Chairwoman
MCHA Board of Directors
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Re: Montana Comprehensive Health Association Termination Plan

Dear Ms. Ask:

Thank you for your September 10, 2013 submission of the termination plan as proposed by the Montana Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA) Board of Directors. The termination plan was developed in response to the 2013 legislation, now codified at §33-22-1504, MCA.

The termination plan provides for a timeline for the steps necessary to complete an orderly termination of all MCHA coverage on January 1, 2013 and to conclude the business operations of the MCHA. This includes the required notification letters to the MCHA members.

The financial information indicates the careful planning of the Board members to take care of the current and future obligations of the MCHA.

My staff members will continue to work with the MCHA Board and the Lead Carrier to assist with the assessments of insurers, the transition of members to the appropriate new health insurance coverage, to draft bill language for the 2015 legislative session as needed, and any administrative or other matters that may arise.

My review of the transition plan indicates that a solid framework has been built by the Board and the Lead Carrier to provide the necessary transition of members and to finalize the business transactions of the MCHA in a timely and efficient manner. We may not be able to envision every circumstance; however, the transition plan as outlined provides enough flexibility to solve any problems that may arise.

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I would like to compliment you and the other MCHA Board members and the Lead Carrier on the recommendations contained in the transition plan and for accomplishing this task in the short time available. Please extend my sincere thanks to all MCHA Board members for all their efforts to ensure that coverage was available to Montanans and to ensure a smooth transition for the members.

I approve the transition plan as submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Monica J. Lindeen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Monica J. Lindeen
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Montana State Auditor