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Dear State Medicaid Director:

I am pleased to announce that we will accept another round of applications for the Medicaid Infrastructure grants authorized by the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999. The second grant solicitation for the Medicaid Infrastructure grant has been announced in the January 11, 2001 issue of the Federal Register, and funding will be available beginning January 1, 2002.

Applications for this grant are due on May 21, 2001. A full copy of the solicitation is available on our website www.hcfa.gov/medicaid/twwiia/twwiiahp.htm. To assist those interested, an Applicants' Conference is planned for early Spring.

Only States not currently receiving multi-year funding as TWWIIA Medicaid Infrastructure grantees are eligible to respond to the new solicitation. If any State currently receiving funding as a Medicaid Infrastructure grantee needs further clarification, that State should contact its assigned Project Officer. We expect that grant solicitations will be released annually for the duration of the grant program. The grant program is authorized to continue until 2011.

Please access our TWWIIA website for information on how to apply for the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant and for questions and answers related to the solicitations. If you have any questions please contact Joe Razes, project manager, at 410-786-6126.

Thank you for your strong interest in removing employment barriers for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

/s/

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