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Mary Morehouse
Developmental Disabilities Section Manager
Ramsey County Human Services
160 E. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1494

Re: Waiver Application – Ramsey County Human Services

Dear Ms. Morehouse:

After a thorough review of the facts, I am granting Ramsey County's waiver request allowing the County to use the 60 minute Day Training & Habilitation (DTH) Pilot Rates in its contracts with four alternative day service providers.

The County's application met the requirements for a temporary, limited exemption from state procedural laws and rules governing the delivery of services. I find that the hourly rate payment methodology will make DTH services more efficient for consumers. Additionally, the County will save money that it may currently be overpaying for some individuals who are required to accept four hours of daily service at the half-day rate to get the fewer number hours of service they actually need.

Enclosed is an Agreement that must be signed for the exemption/waiver to take effect. Please submit the executed agreement. As required by Minn. Stat. § 6.80, subd. 5(b), the Agreement expires ten days after adjournment of the 2007 regular legislative session. At that time, the County may resubmit its application.

I appreciate the County's participation in this new waiver process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deputy Auditor Tony Sutton at (651) 282-6112 or tony.Sutton@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Patricia Anderson
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