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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

In accordance with Section 201 of Public Law 111-226, I am requesting that the additional Federal Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title IV-E (Foster Care) funds made available under Section 201 of the Public Law be made available to Texas. I certify that these additional funds, which are available through the extension of Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the period of January 1 - June 30, 2011, will be used in accordance with all applicable requirements under Section 5001 of ARRA as amended.

Also, as I have previously communicated, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act places a significant cost burden on states. I strongly encourage you to provide additional flexibility within Medicaid so that states can develop true health care reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Rick Perry
Governor

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