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Dear Ms. Thomas:

Enclosed is our first quarterly report of the Program Improvement Plan (PIP). As indicated in the department's correspondence to Mary Doran, some content areas and time frames needed to be adjusted.

The department is requesting approval of an amendment to the PIP to provide focused technical assistance to two counties rather than four counties. The two counties targeted for focused technical assistance would be Franklin and Cuyahoga counties. Based upon the "August 2003 Ohio County Indicators" study released by the Ohio Department of Development, these two counties represent 22% of the population base in Ohio and have the largest number of children under the age of 18. It has also been identified that the two counties had the highest percentage of non-compliance and have the greatest adverse impact on overall statewide performance. In addition, these counties have the largest out-of-home care population in the state and would have the greatest adverse impact on overall statewide performance. The focused technical assistance will be for Item 1/A/2, Item 2A/C/3, Item 2B/A/2, Item 5/B/2, Item 6/A/2 and Item 8/D/2. The matrix has been amended to reflect the changes requested

Your staff has been exceedingly helpful in assisting with Ohio's PIP implementation. We look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Hayes, Director
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