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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
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Richard Fenton  
Health Care Finance  
Administration  
Baltimore, MD

Dear Mr. Fenton:

As was suggested to me in a conversation earlier today by Debbie Chang, I am providing you with the following assurance in connection with the District's CHIPS plan.

The District of Columbia assures that all application assistance activities performed by the outreach contractor will be performed in compliance with 42 CFR. 43 5.904. We recognize that a contractor cannot assist a Medicaid applicant in completing an application form, unless the contractor is located at a Medicaid outstation location such as a disproportionate share hospital. Federally-qualified health center or other sites where potentially eligible pregnant women and children receive services.

We have misgivings about some of the restrictions in this policy, and hope that your agency will consider lifting them in the future, but we also recognize that this is HCFA's policy at the present time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Offner UL  
Medicaid Director

cc: Debbie Chang  
Region III, HCFA