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Commissioner Praeger,

We are concerned about reports in the media about how the health insurance industry wants waivers for various aspects of Health Care Reform as it may affect their industry.

One of the concerns expressed by the industry relates to securing a waiver as it relates to the health care/insurance ration. We think the 85/15 and the 80/20 is workable. It is a ratio that Kansas BC/BS is currently meeting. For Kansas, it would seem that is the standard and other members of the industry should rise to that standard. If we don't keep to a ratio of that sort we will soon lose the benefit of healthcare reform.

You will have our support as you work to maintain these ratios.

Sincerely,



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