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Ms. Amy Campbell
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Dear Ms. Campbell:

This letter is in response to your inquiry about the Medical Assistance appropriation and the increase for supported employment rates.

As you are aware, the Medical Assistance appropriation in SFY16 is projected to also have a shortfall. In absence of a specific designation of funding for increased integrated employment services in Senate File 505, and because of the shortfall, the director is unable to support implementation of an increase in rates that impact the shortfall for SFY16 and creates an additional need in SFY17. The department is fully supportive of integrated supported employment and we believe that a budget neutral approach is both fiscally responsible and will incentivize more integrated employment services. Therefore, we reviewed and refined the methodology to implement increased rates for individual supported employment in a budget neutral manner. If the current proposed Rules of ARC2114c are adopted, the new rates will be effective December 16, 2015.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sally Titus".

Sally Titus
Deputy Director

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