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Dear Ms. Glaze:

Pursuant to the Social Security Act, Title 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(5)(1965), and section 409.902(1), Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration is designated as the single state agency responsible for the administration of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

On July 1, 1993, the Florida Legislature transferred the powers, duties, and functions of the Medicaid program from the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to the Agency for Health Care Administration. Chapter 93-129, section 58, Laws of Florida (1993).

Effective June 17, 1995, the Legislature enacted section 409.902(1), Florida Statutes, which continued to designate the Agency for Health Care Administration as the single state agency responsible for the administration of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Section 409.902(1)(footnotes omitted) provides:

The Agency for Health Care Administration is designated as the single state agency authorized to make payments for medical assistance and related services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. . . . These payments shall be made, subject to any limitations or directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act, only for services included in the program, shall be made only on behalf of eligible individuals, and shall be made only to qualified providers in accordance with federal requirements

for Title XIX of the Social Security Act . . . and the provisions of state law. This program of medical assistance is designated the "Medicaid program." The Department of Children and Family Services is responsible for Medicaid eligibility determinations, including, but not limited to, policy, rules, and the agreement with the Social Security Administration for Medicaid eligibility determinations for Supplemental Security Income recipients, as well as the actual determination of eligibility. As a condition of Medicaid eligibility, subject to federal approval, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Children and Family Services shall ensure that each recipient of Medicaid consents to the release of her or his medical records to the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs.

It is certified that effective July 1, 1993, as amended in the Florida Statutes, the Agency for Health Care Administration is the single state agency designated to administer Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Sincerely,

Attorney General