[Date]

Dear [Name]:

As you know, under the Affordable Care Act, each state is required to select a benchmark health plan to serve as a reference for meeting the Essential Benefits requirement by September 30, 2012. Research has shown that the intensity and range of benefits offered in health plans can have a significant effect on the quality of outcomes and short and long term costs. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Essential Benefits category of **Rehabilitation and Habilitation Services and Devices**.

Study after study has demonstrated that individuals who receive comprehensive rehabilitation and habilitation services and have access to durable medical equipment, prosthetics/orthotics and assistive and adaptive devices live more independent and productive lifestyles; and have fewer medical complications and hospital readmissions. These services provide value not only to the persons served but to society as a whole.

We hope that as you are making your final decision on a benchmark plan that you will consider these points. To assist you, sixteen of the largest organizations representing a broad consensus in the field of rehabilitation have developed and support the attached guidelines for selecting a plan that provides value to all stakeholders. These guidelines are based on decades of experience and research in providing rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices both in the state of [State] and across our nation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these guidelines. If you need further information or would like to speak further please contact me by phone at (xxx) xxx-xxxx or by email at xxxx@xxxx.com.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]