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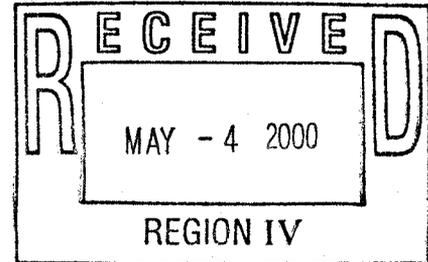
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Dear Mr. Merschoff:

On Monday, April 17, 2000 I announced a reorganization of the Arkansas Department of Health's structure.

This reorganization is part of a strategic planning initiative that began in 1996. Since last September, agency leadership has been meeting with colleagues and customers to identify organizational and structural barriers. With the new structure we expect to improve communication, streamline decision-making and customize our programs and interventions to meet individual community needs. The new structure will enable us to increase accountability for program outcomes. No colleague will lose his or her job or salary as a result of this reorganization. Where roles change, training opportunities will be provided.

The Department was prompted to move in this new strategic direction for a number of reasons, including Arkansas' continued ranking near the bottom on national health status reports. We have always appreciated your support. I am certain that these changes will only deepen our excellent working relationships.

If you have questions or would like more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Fay Boozman, M.D.
Director

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