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Dear Colleague:

Please find enclosed the bulletin entitled “Procedures for Surrogate Health Care Decision Making.” This document is being forwarded to you for your information and for sharing with providers and other colleagues.

This bulletin updates procedures for substitute health care decision making for people receiving mental retardation services through the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) under Act 2006-169 and other applicable laws. Enclosed with this bulletin are the definitions from Act 2006-169. Please share this bulletin and definitions with your staff and other interested stakeholders.

Please consult your legal counsel for advice on the implementation of the statutes discussed in this statement of policy.

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Casey

Enclosures