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To: All Interested Members of the Public

Ms. Melanie Hill, HSDA Executive Director
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Re: Draft first edition of the State Health Plan, including the Final 2009 Certificate of Need Standards and Criteria for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Services and Cardiac Catheterization Services

Dear Ms. Hill and members of the public:

Enclosed please find the draft first edition of the State Health Plan, which includes the Final 2009 Certificate of Need Standards and Criteria for PET services and cardiac catheterization services ("Final Standards").

This draft first edition sets out certain information intended to establish benchmarks for further development of the State Health Plan in subsequent editions. On a more particular note, it establishes the process for creating new standards and criteria for the Certificate of Need Program categories. It also includes the Final Standards as Appendices F and G. Because public input has already been sought, received, and included in these Final Standards, the Division of Health Planning does not anticipate making revisions to them before the final approval and adoption of the State Health Plan.

These documents are also available on the Division's website at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/healthplanning>.

Over the next year, the Division of Health Planning plans to provide stakeholders opportunities to participate in the development of the second edition of the State Health Plan. The process is anticipated to seek input from individuals, consumers, providers, the

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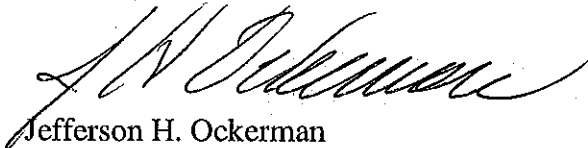
health care sector, the public health sector, and communities through email, letters, and a series of public and focus group meetings across the State to gather views on improving the health of Tennesseans. From this public input, the Division will prepare a second edition of the State Health Plan that is planned to describe a collective vision of health goals and values for Tennessee. This process will continue on an on-going basis in accordance with the statutory requirement that the State Health Plan be updated at least annually.

The Division expressly thanks the Department of Health and the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and their talented staffs for their invaluable assistance with the organization and development of this draft first edition of the State Health Plan. We also expressly thank the State Health Plan Advisory Committee members for their detailed involvement and the assistance they provided.

We would appreciate receiving your comments on this draft first edition of the State Health Plan by September 16, 2009. Your comments may be submitted via the Division's web site at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/healthplanning/dhp.shtml>

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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