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STATE OF MINNESOTA • James Nobles, Legislative Auditor

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Dear Mr. Ehling:

I am writing in response to your letter dated September 19, 2014. Following up on the Commissioner of Administration's Data Practices Advisory Opinion 14-011, you requested access to the documents that you listed in your April 22, 2014, request.

As we have indicated to you and the Commissioner of Administration, we will provide you (and anyone else) with access to the documents consistent with *Minnesota Statutes* 2013, 3.979, subd. 3(a), which says:

...Data relating to an audit are not public or with respect to data on individuals are confidential until the final report of the audit has been released by the legislative auditor or the audit is no longer being actively pursued. Upon release of a final audit report by the legislative auditor, data relating to an audit are public except data otherwise classified as not public.

This provision of law is controlling because the documents (i.e., data) you seek are related to an ongoing audit of managed care organizations. According to our current schedule, we will finish the audit and release a public report in early to mid-December.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Nobles'.

James Nobles  
Legislative Auditor