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Heather Halsey, Executive Director
State of California Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Executive Director Halsey:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY IRC 12-9705-I-04
(Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Pupils: Out-of-State Mental Health Services)**

On behalf of the County of Los Angeles, I am requesting an extension to submit our rebuttal to the State Controller Office's comments on the above-reference Incorrect Reduction Claim.

Due to the time between the time we submitted our claim (May 2013) and the time the State Controller's Office submitted its comments (October 2014), the County of Los Angeles requires additional time to re-review our claims and consider the State Controller Office's comments. As Paul McIver, the long-standing administrator of the program, has passed away, we anticipate that we will need approximately three additional months to prepare a rebuttal.

We respectfully request the Commission grant the County of Los Angeles an extension until February 8, 2015. Our understanding is that the hearing on this matter is scheduled for December 2015; therefore, an extension would not result in a delay in the hearing date. Further, no party would be prejudiced by this request and so we are unaware of any reason that this request should be denied.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robin Kay, Ph.D.
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