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Dear Ms. McCann,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your request for reconsideration on April 1, 2005. The reconsideration process, which can be found in the CMS Publication 100-08, Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 13, §13.11, E & F give specific guidelines that a contractor and the requestor are to follow.

Mutual Medicare will consider your request valid for the intent of the reconsideration process.

CMS Publication 100-08, Program Integrity Manual, Chapter 13, §13.11, F indicates: "Within 90 days of the day the request is received, the contractor shall make a final LCD reconsideration decision on the valid request and notify the requestor of the decision with its rationale".

Your letter indicates that "the issues raised in this request for reconsideration do not comprise all of the issues that should be raised once the reconsideration process begins." The reconsideration process begins when the contractor receives a reconsideration request. Any additional issues not identified in this request for reconsideration would need to be submitted as a subsequent request for reconsideration.

The Medical Director(s) and I will review the information submitted. Should we have any further questions we will contact you for clarification.

Respectfully,

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