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Reference: 159979
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July 30, 2013

Jonathan Martinis, Legal Director
Quality Trust for Individuals
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5335 Wisconsin Avenue NW
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**Re: Martinis obo of Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities v.
The Commonwealth of Virginia**
OCR Transaction Number: 159979

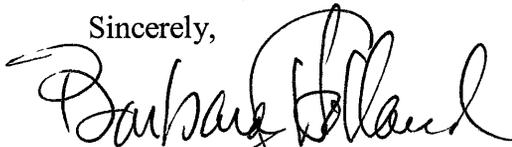
Dear Mr. Martinis:

Thank you for your correspondence received on May 16, 2013, by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR). The complaint, filed against the Commonwealth of Virginia/Department of Social Services (Virginia), alleges violation of the American with Disabilities Act. Specifically, the complaint alleges that Virginia requires people with disabilities to live in segregated, institutional settings in order to participate in and benefit from its Auxiliary Grant program.

OCR is responsible for enforcing a variety of Federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination by programs and entities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, OCR has jurisdiction over health and human service programs operated by HHS or by state and local public entities in cases involving disability-based discrimination. In addition to disability discrimination claims, OCR investigates claims of race, color, national origin, age and, in limited instances, sex and religion discrimination. OCR also enforces the Privacy and Security Rules.

After careful consideration, OCR has determined that it will pursue action in your complaint against this entity. If you have any questions about this letter or the investigation process, please contact Elizabeth Benson, Investigator, at (215) 861-4427.

Sincerely,



Barbara J. Holland
Regional Manager