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Dear Dr. Berry:

I want to express my appreciation for the contribution you are making to the health insurance program through your participation in our consultant groups. I thought you might find it useful if we furnished information from time to time about important events which are occurring in various program areas.

I believe you will be interested in the enclosed circular, and the covering letter from Commissioner Ball. The circular describes the procedures to be followed by groups and associations of providers in nominating a fiscal intermediary. It also explains what individual providers may do if they are not members of an association or group, or if they do not concur in the nomination of their association or group.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur E. Hess, Director Bureau of Health Insurance

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