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Marcus Whitlock, President

- Missouri Association of County Developmental Disabilities Services  
c/o Lafayette County Board of Sheltered Services  
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Dear Marcus:

Thank you and MACDDS for your letter of June 28, 2005 regarding Medicaid Reform and the concerns expressed by your organization and its members about the impact on persons with developmental disabilities in Missouri.

I appreciate your organization's willingness to collaborate with the Division and other agencies supporting people with disabilities to review the impact the Medicaid changes have on people we support. However, we must keep in mind that the role of the Medicaid Reform Commission is to explore new options and approaches, not necessarily to measure the impact of those changes already made.

I think Jeff Grosvenor came over and met with some of your members last week and I hope that was helpful. If we can provide any additional information, please let us know. We look forward to your organization's statement regarding Medicaid reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Casey, Jr.", written over a light blue background.

Anthony A. Casey, Jr., Ph.D., Director  
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