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Dear Parent / Guardian:

Re: FIT Program Changes

Your child is currently receiving services from an early intervention provider agency funded through the New Mexico Department of Health - Family Infant Toddler (FIT) Program.

The FIT program is making changes in order to reduce spending due to projected budget shortfalls due to:

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) or "stimulus" coming to an end
- Reduced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)
- No additional State General Funding available from the New Mexico State Legislature

Changes to the FIT Program in order to reduce expenditures were developed in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) and approved by Department of Health Secretary, Alfredo Vigil M.D.

These changes include:

If your child is eligible under biological / medical risk or environmental risk:

- 1) Your Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) will be revised to include up to 24 hours of early intervention, plus 12 units of service coordination per year. IFSPs must be revised by September 30th 2010.
- 2) Your Transition plan in the IFSP will be revised to reflect your child transitioning from the FIT Program by the end of the month in which they turn three.

Your service coordinator will go over these changes with you and discuss implications for your child and family.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about these changes you can contact me toll free at 1-877-696-1472 or andrew.gomm@state.nm.us

Sincerely,

Andrew Gomm _____

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