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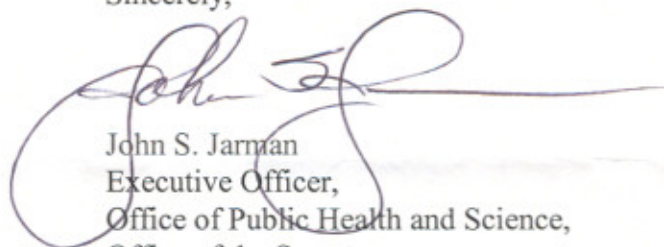
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Dear Mr. Elford:

Your appeal of the denial of your Request for Corrections under the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) Guidelines for Ensuring the Quality of Information Disseminated to the Public, received by OPHS on May 20, is still under review.

We wrote to you on July 28, 2005 indicating that we would need additional time to complete our response to your appeal. At this time we are continuing to prepare our response but require additional time to coordinate Agency review. Our goal is to have a response to your appeal within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,



John S. Jarman
Executive Officer,
Office of Public Health and Science,
Office of the Secretary,
Department of Health and Human Services