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Terry Brown, Administrator
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RE: Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas (PEAK) Nursing Homes

Dear Mr. Brown,

I am pleased to inform you that Medicalodges Gardner has been selected as a 2011 PEAK award-winning community. You and your staff are to be congratulated for demonstrating a high level of achievement for moving away from an institutional model of care to one where elders drive their own lives. Your efforts have distinguished Medicalodges Gardner as a leader in the culture change movement.

The PEAK travel team noted a number of improvements that had been made at your community relating to increased resident control, staff empowerment, home environment and community support. A few of the positive changes you are to be congratulated for include the following:

- Flexibility in the daily schedules of residents
- Establishing consistent staff assignments within each neighborhood
- An outdoor courtyard and park accessible to all residents
- Providing opportunities for the residents to experience their community through events and activities

Your community is one of only seven selected to receive an award in 2011. I know that leading a community through the journey towards person-centered care is a difficult process. I commend you on the great progress you have made and for the commitment you have to serving your elders within the person-centered model.

My assistant, Karla Werth, will be calling you in the next few days to schedule a date and time for a PEAK awards ceremony to be held at your community. I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments with the Medicalodges Gardner residents, staff and the greater community. You also will be invited to a PEAK Proclamation signing later this year with Governor Brownback. If you have questions concerning the PEAK Award, please contact Dave Halferty at (785) 296-8620 or e-mail him at Dave.Halferty@aging.ks.gov. Thank you for participating in the PEAK initiative and congratulations on being selected as one of this year's winners!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", written in a cursive style.

Shawn Sullivan
Secretary