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The Honorable Bob Stump  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter provides an interim reply to the requirement outlined in Section 716 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, Public Law 104-106, which requires an assessment of the effectiveness of the pilot program to provide residential and wraparound services to certain eligible children in need of mental health services and whether the program should be implemented throughout the Military Health System.

The pilot program ended on December 31, 2001 and the final report was due 90 days after that date. We are developing the final report, and I anticipate providing it to you by August 2002.

Thank you for your continued support of the Military Health System.

Sincerely,

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD

cc:  
Representative Skelton

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