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Dear Individuals, Parents, Guardians:

This letter is sent to you because you are an individual, or the parent or guardian of an individual, who receives Supported Living Services (SLS). Under the direction of the State of Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities (DDD) each person participating in Medicaid Supported Living Services will have a new assessment done. Assessments will begin in November 2007 and be completed by the end of September 2008.

The assessment is called the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) and focuses on the support needs of the individual receiving services. The assessment is completed through an interview process. Interviewers for the SIS are required to receive special training and pass certification prior to administering the assessment. The interview includes at least two people (respondents) who are knowledgeable about the individual in services and know about his/her support needs in a variety of settings. This of course includes individuals who receive services. A typical interview takes about two hours.

Interviewers from Imagine! will be working closely with SLS staff to coordinate interviews. The first persons to be interviewed have been chosen by DDD as part of a sample survey. Receipt of this letter means you are *not* part of the sample survey. Since there are many people who receive SLS services do not be concerned if you are not contacted right away about the assessment. In the near future Imagine! will host a forum regarding the SIS. You will receive information once the forum has been scheduled.

In the meantime, if you would like to read more about the SIS please visit the Imagine! website at www.imaginecolorado.org under "what's new" or the SIS website at www.siswebsite.org.

Sincerely,

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