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Sent via email to afink@mit.edu

PROJECT NAME: PROVIDER CHOICES AND HEALTH OUTCOMES AMONG IHSS PARTICIPANTS

Dear Dr. Finkelstein:

Thank you for your interest in using Medi-Cal data for your research project: "Provider Choices and Health Outcomes among IHSS Participants." Based on initial review, it appears that Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) data would be appropriate for the research purpose that you described. DHCS is working with you to identify an appropriate data set for your requested research project. If found to be appropriate, Medi-Cal claim and eligibility records from January 2005 to December 2019 would be available for analysis.

This letter does not constitute official approval. DHCS approval would be potentially granted only after approval from the California Health and Human Services Agency Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects and the DHCS Data and Research Committee approval. The formal DHCS review and approval process is documented on the following webpage: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/dataandstats/data/Pages/ReviewProcess.aspx>

If your study is approved, the data will be provided for the purpose of the proposed research only. Data received or created for your research will need to be returned or destroyed in the manner outlined in the data use agreement. Release of personal information to the principal investigator for this research project will be in compliance with all applicable state statutes.

Thank you for your interest in DHCS data. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Ms. Jilia Vang at (916) 552-9253 or by email at DHCSDRRC@dhcs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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