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Elizabeth Smith, Secretary
Department of Inspector General
323 Center Street, Suite 1200
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RE: Return of CARES Act Funding

Dear Secretary Smith:

On August 5, 2020, the CARES Act Steering Committee recommended \$8,770,000.00 in funding for Pediatric Immunization Enhancement payments. These payments were for pediatricians participating in the Vaccines for Children program for additional funding to cover costs associated with outreach and setup to provide vaccinations which families have avoided as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department has determined that **\$8,152,932.78** can be returned to the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Gillespie".

Cindy Gillespie, Secretary
Department of Human Services