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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to inform you of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Office of Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program (MSHSP), within the Administration for Children and Families and the Health Center Program (HCP), within the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care.

The purpose of the MOU is to coordinate resources and align policies at the national level and foster strong working relationships between MSHSP and HCP at the local level. The intent of the MOU is to assure access to quality and culturally competent comprehensive primary health care services for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children and their families.

The MOU supports the following objectives in providing quality health services to Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children:

- Elimination of barriers to health care access;
- Identification and enrollment of uninsured children and other family members;
- Facilitation of health education opportunities; and
- Reduction of health disparities.

In addition, the MOU encourages programs to collaborate and plan appropriately to address reimbursement for health services, considering that the legislation of both programs provides for last dollar use of program funds.

We hope that this MOU is beneficial to you as you move forward in developing a strong foundation to provide quality health services to Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children.

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