

UM Letterhead

**Please verify, complete, and return
both the Yellow and Purple forms
no later than May 7, 2004**

April 22, 2004

Dear CIL Director and CIL Board Chair,

Before we publish the first map of U.S. Geographic Distribution of CIL Based Independent Living Services, we are checking with each CIL to verify that our data are accurate and consistent.

If we do not hear from you by May 7, 2004, we will assume that the enclosed information is accurate for each county listed on the yellow form: [1] Your CIL is responsible for the 4 Core IL Services, and [2] that in each of the counties you are responsible for, the disability population is served (not underserved or unserved).

Last year we asked CILs to list the counties for which they received State and/or Federal funds to provide the 4 core Independent Living Services. But the answers appeared to be inconsistent. Some CILs reported the counties which they are funded to serve (responsibility), and others reported on the counties they were actually able to serve (capacity).

On the attached yellow verification form, please verify the counties which your CIL is responsible for providing the 4 Core IL services, and indicate your Center's capacity to provide the 4 Core IL Services in each county for which it is responsible. More details on this study are included on the *Questions?* Sheet, and in the Instructions for Verifying CIL Service Area (on green paper).

If you have questions, or if you prefer to provide your answers by phone, please call Alexandra Enders at 406.243.2655. You may also call tollfree 888-268-2743, and ask for Alexandra, or leave a message for with the best time to return your call. Or email <enders@ruralinstitute.umt.edu>

In appreciation for your time, we have enclosed a national map of the 388 US CILs. Its also online at <http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/RuDis/CIL.htm>

The enclosed map which also shows 301 satellite locations will be updated after you include your CIL's satellite location data (town, state, and zip code) on the enclosed purple form

Please do not distribute the unverified maps in this package. In June 2004 we will send each CIL verified national maps of counties served, with locations of main centers and satellite offices.

Thank you,

Alexandra Enders

**Verified data will be presented for the first time at the 2004 NCIL Conference Workshop:
*Policy Implications of CIL Geography: Where Are You and What Will it Mean***

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Enclosures:

Questions? Verification of CIL Service Area, 2004

CIL Service Area Verification Form (yellow) TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 7, 2004

Instructions for Verifying CIL Service Area (green)

Comparison of IL/CIL Service Availability: Served-Underserved-Unserved (green)

Map: US Geographic Distribution of CIL Based 4 Core Independent Living Services (National)

Map: CIL Based 4 Core IL Services: national map expanded by State, with County Names

Verification of CIL Office Locations Form (purple) TO BE RETURNED BY MAY 7, 2004

Map of CIL Main Offices and their Satellite Offices

Map of 388 U.S. CILs

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