June 3, 2015

Tom Ripperda
Educational Concepts

Re: FOIA Request 15-361

Dear Mr. Ripperda:

I write to respond to your Freedom of Information request dated and received in my office on May 4, 2015, in which you requested:

“The Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace contracted with the University of Illinois - Chicago School of Public Health to provide training for navigators, assistors and certified application counselors (CAC) as required by the ACA.

I am requesting a copy of the training material and handouts electronically if possible and a copy of the contract covering this training.”

Information responsive to the portion of your request seeking the current contract is available and attached. These are public documents numbering 9 pages.

Our office has conducted a preliminary search for the documents responsive to the portion of your request seeking training materials and handouts.

Your request for documents and information relating to training materials and handouts is considered unduly burdensome to the University, inasmuch as the request would unduly burden the public body by requiring us to search, gather and review over one thousand pages of potentially responsive documents. The short response time allowed by the FOIA makes the task of identifying, collecting and reviewing potentially responsive records in a timely manner unduly burdensome upon the University. As a result, the University has determined that compliance with your request is unduly burdensome and that the University’s burden to process these requests outweighs the public interest.

Pursuant to Section 3(g) of the Act, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it of more manageable proportions. Specifically we request that you narrow the scope of your request. If you do not reduce the request, it shall be treated as a denial.
Please note, while you may narrow your request, please keep in mind the requested training materials and handouts may be exempt from production pursuant to the following section(s) of the Act:

- 140/7(1)(j)(iv) exempts from disclosure “course materials or research materials used by faculty members.”
- 140/7(1)(q) of the Act that exempts from disclosure “test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to determine the qualifications of an applicant for a license or employment.”

Per 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b), you have a right, under the law, to seek a review of your status as a commercial requestor by the Public Access Counselor in the Office of the Attorney General. They may be reached by phone at 217-782-1396, by email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us, or by postal mail at the Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. You also have the right to seek judicial review under section 11 of this Act.

If you have questions for our office, please contact 217-333-6400.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hardy
Executive Director
and Chief Records Officer