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Dear Dr. Newman:

This acknowledges the program's communications of May 4, 2017, advising the Council on Education for Public Health of several substantive changes. We understand that the program has added a BSPH in health education and a BSPH in health policy and administration. We also understand that the MPH in health policy and administration has transitioned from a campus-based degree to a fully distance-based offering.

The CEPH Board of Councilors Executive Committee met on June 24, 2017, at which time we reviewed and acted to accept your submission. We have attached an updated accreditation seal reflecting the program's accreditation for degrees at the bachelor's and master's levels. An invoice for adding the bachelor degrees will be e-mailed under separate cover.

To maintain accredited status, the program must submit [a report \(either Option A or Option B\) documenting compliance with the revised accreditation criteria](#) by January 9, 2018, as previously communicated in our letter of December 1, 2016, and conduct the next full review with a site visit before July 1, 2022. We look forward to these upcoming review activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Marie Martinez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Rose Marie Martinez, ScD
President

cc: CEPH Councilors