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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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Department of Health & Human Services  
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Ms. Emma Forkner, Director  
Bureau of Long Term Care  
Department of Health and Human Services  
P.O. Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The precise amount of the January 2011 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), if any, will not be announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics until the third week of October 2010. For State planning purposes, it is very unlikely that there will be a COLA for next year. The COLA is based on the increase to the consumer price index base period which ends September 30, and is established by law. If a COLA is announced, we will advise you as soon as possible.

We need to know whether you want to change your supplement rates or keep the same rates as in 2010. If the State is changing any rates, we must receive written confirmation showing the amount of the January 2011 State payment level for each living arrangement variation.

If we do not receive notification of a rate change, we will assume that the rates are not changing. If a State decision cannot be obtained because of the need for State legislation or other reasons, please let us know when a decision is expected.

Please provide us with written confirmation of your decision by September 25, 2010. Also, it would be helpful if you would FAX your response before mailing it. Questions regarding this should be directed to Barbara Schindler of the SSI Program Team at (404) 562-5836 or via email to barbara.schindler@ssa.gov. The FAX number is (404) 562-1325.

Sincerely yours,

Paul D. Barnes  
Regional Commissioner



State of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

September 27, 2010

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Atlanta Regiona  
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Re: January 2011 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Dear Mr. Barnes:

South Carolina will keep the same rates as in 2010.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Emma Forkner  
Director

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Attn: Pauline

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