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TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>10-22-12</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>100123</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Singleton, Kost</i> <i>Close per Jan, see attached</i> <i>e-mail on 10/22/12</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
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Bren, did I ask you to log & close this?

**Jan Polatty**

**From:** Poppe, Samantha C <PoppeS@gao.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2012 7:49 AM  
**To:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Cc:** Jan Polatty; Deirdra Singleton; Bryan Kost; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

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Teeshla:

We have received the completed questionnaire and appreciate the effort to get these responses to us.

I have one hopefully quick clarification question for Saii re: break out of reason for eligibility. The response shows that 3% of enrollees are eligible due to increased earnings and 84 % are eligible due to increased child support:

- a) Into what eligibility category do the other 13% of enrollees fall?
- b) This response tells me that most enrollees in your state are eligible for TMA due to increased child support payments. This is contrary to all other state responses for this question we've received—the vast majority of their enrollees are eligible due to increased earnings). Of course, if this is the case in your state, there is absolutely nothing wrong with it, I just want to make sure that I interpret and understand your response correctly.

Thank you ,

Samantha

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**From:** Teeshla Curtis [<mailto:CURTIST@scdhhs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 5:41 PM  
**To:** Poppe, Samantha C  
**Cc:** Jan Polatty; Deirdra Singleton; Bryan Kost; John Supra  
**Subject:** GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Ms. Pope:

Attached please find the completed report on South Carolina's utilization of TMA. Please let me know if you need additional information.

*Teeshla Curtis*

Administrative Coordinator  
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## Jan Polatty

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 18, 2012 2:51 PM  
**To:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Just a follow-up. Have we completed this? Thanks, Jan.

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**From:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:23 PM  
**To:** Jan Polatty  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Done.

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:20 PM  
**To:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Can you contact Samantha Poppe to let her know the information is forthcoming, please? Thanks, Jan.

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**From:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2012 4:07 PM  
**To:** Jan Polatty  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

We are still trying to pull together the expenditure data. All the eligibility information is complete. Michael has contacted fiscal (no response). He's still working on it now and will try to contact others to get this data.

Teeshla

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2012 11:06 AM  
**To:** Teeshla Curtis  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; John Supra  
**Subject:** RE: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Just a follow up – today is due date on the survey to be completed. Thanks, Jan.

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**From:** Jan Polatty  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 2:48 PM  
**To:** John Supra  
**Cc:** Deirdra Singleton; Anthony Keck; Teeshla Curtis  
**Subject:** FW: GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

John,

Please complete the attached survey for us. Thanks, Jan.

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**From:** Poppe, Samantha C [<mailto:PoppeS@gao.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2012 1:35 PM

**To:** Jan Polatty

**Subject:** GAO Study on Medicaid TMA-SC

Mr. Keck:

I am contacting your office about a Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on states' use of Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) in their Medicaid programs, which has been initiated by Senator Hatch of the Senate Committee on Finance and Representative Pitts of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. GAO would like a Medicaid official in your state to answer a small number of questions related to your TMA program, which are included in the attachment. Our Congressional requesters believe these data could provide a key starting point for determining the appropriateness of extending additional funds to this program in future budget cycles.

Attached to this email you will find a short questionnaire regarding your TMA program. We ask that you—or whomever you designate on your behalf— send answers to these questions back to me as soon as possible, but preferably no later than Thursday, October 11, 2012.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study. I would appreciate it if you would confirm that you received this email and provide a point of contact for future inquiries related to this effort. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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