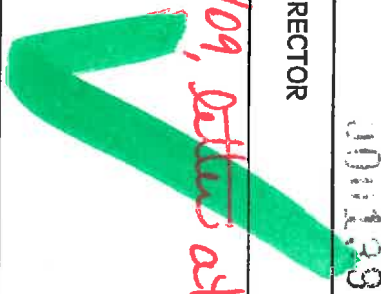


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>9-21-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100123</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 9/25/09, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-12-09</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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September 17, 2009

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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

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The precise amount of the January 2010 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), if any, will not be announced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics until the third week of October 2009. 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 2009. If the State is changing any rates, we must receive written confirmation from the State showing the amount of the January 2010 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 October 17, 2009. 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

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Regional Commissioner



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September 25, 2009

Barbara Schindler
Social Insurance Specialist
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61 Forsyth Street, SW, Suite 22T64
Atlanta, GA 30303

This is in response to your correspondence of September 17, 2009 regarding the January 2010 cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). If there is a COLA, the adjustment would be applied to our Medicaid eligible population and any future eligibility determinations. If there is not a COLA, no changes would be made.

If you have further questions, please contact Alicia Jacobs at (803) 898-2502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner

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