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1. LOG NUMBER <i>J000231</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>11-6-08</i>
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<i>cc: Ms. Forlmer, Dept Cleared 11/18/08. Letter attached.</i>	
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October 24, 2008

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

RE: South Carolina Medicaid's Medically Fragile Children's Program

Dear Ms. Emma:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 1, 2008 requesting that we extend the current deadline of December 31, 2008 for the Medically Fragile Children's program for an additional six months.

We understand that the State has submitted the 1915 (c) Medically Complex Children's HCBS waiver and the State plans on operating the program through a combination of a 1915(a) and (c) waivers. However, to date we have not received a current contract between the State and the contractor(s) who will be providing these services. We understand that the extension of the deadline would allow the State to develop a provider service system, modify your information technology systems, and transition the children from the existing program into the new 1915(a)(c) combination home and community based waiver. We also understand that these purposes are important to the success of the program; however we cannot approve the extension until we are in receipt of an approvable contract. Since it is the contract that will ultimately pay for all of the services, it is important that the State submit the contract(s) to us as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please contact Elaine Elmore at 404-562-7408.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
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November 18, 2008

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Dear Ms. Justis:

Thank you for your letter dated October 24, 2008, regarding the South Carolina Medically Fragile Children's Program. The draft contract for the Medical Homes Network for the Medically Complex Children's Waiver was sent to Elaine Elmore for her review on November 7, 2008.

We appreciate the on-going support and assistance received from Ms. Elmore and others at CMS as we work to transition to this updated delivery system. If you need additional information, please contact Ms. Beverly Hamilton, Bureau Director of Care Management and Medical Support Services, at (803) 898-4614.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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