

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

<b>TO</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<i>Hpsst</i>	<i>1-30-09</i>

<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER  <i>1011410</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>2-10-09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>cc: hells</i> <i>Cleared 2/11/09 e-mail</i> <i>response attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Department of Health & Human Services  
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January 28, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Forkner:

As you the know, the South Carolina General Assembly currently faces an unprecedented budget crisis which holds the potential to threaten many of the critical services provided by state government. I am writing today in hopes that I may of assistance in your efforts to preserve core services to South Carolina's citizens.

Specifically, I am writing to request your assistance in compiling a comprehensive list of any *reports, program evaluations (both those which you conduct and those which you undergo) and/or other deliverables* your agency is required by statute, proviso, and/or regulation to submit to the South Carolina General Assembly between now and the end of FY10.

For each such deliverable, I'd ask that you please provide:

1. a brief description of the deliverable and its purpose,
2. its statutory (or other) origin,
3. its projected fiscal impact during FY10, and
4. the practical effects - and projected cost savings associated with - either:
  - 1) Waiving its next required submission or 2) postponing this submission for a twelve month period.

While I make no promises about the General Assembly's - or my own - willingness to pursue such steps, it is my hope that together we may be able to identify potential savings that will not only alleviate potential statutory burdens during a time of rapidly diminishing resources, but preserve the direct client services you provide to and for the citizens of South Carolina.

Since time is of the essence, I welcome your response by email, if so desired, at [shannonerickson@schouse.org](mailto:shannonerickson@schouse.org) or [erickson4@charter.net](mailto:erickson4@charter.net).

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Shannon S. Erickson

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**From:** Bryan Kost  
**To:** Brenda James; Jan Polatty  
**Date:** 2/11/2009 3:14 pm  
**Subject:** Log # 410- DHHS response: agency reports, program evaluations and/or other deliverables

this should close log #410

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>>> Bryan Kost 2/11/2009 3:14 PM >>>  
February 11, 2009

Rep. Shannon Erickson  
SC House

Rep. Erickson,

I am writing in response to your January 28 letter to Emma Forkner, the director of the Department of Health and Human Services. You had written regarding reports, program evaluations, and/or other deliverables required of the agency by statute, proviso, and/or regulation. You had asked us to respond by e-mail, if desired.

We appreciate your effort to examine ways to help agencies preserve core services in these times. We have considered your request, and have compiled the information in the attachment for your review.

Please feel free to call me if you need further explanation about any of the items in the attachment. My numbers are listed below.

Again, thank you for looking into this issue for agencies. If you ever need broader Medicaid information, or if you have constituent issues related to Medicaid, don't hesitate to call.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Bryan Kost  
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