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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000377</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Heck, Dept, CMS file</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>6-14-13</i>
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Department of Health & Human Services
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RE: Implementation of Section 1202 of the Affordable Care Act Primary Care Payment Increase

Dear Mr. Keck:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed South Carolina's methodologies submitted on March 28, 2013, and as revised on May 10, 2013, and finds them compliant with the requirements outlined in 42 C.F.R. §438.804(a)(1)(i)-(ii) for purposes of implementing the increase in primary care physician payments in a managed care delivery system.

As South Carolina has elected to reimburse its MCOs for the enhanced primary care payments retroactively on a non-risk basis, the final step to implement the primary care increase and authorize Federal Financial Participation for these payments is to submit contract amendment(s) for approval to ensure compliance with 42 C.F.R. §438.6(c)(5)(vi). The contract amendment must identify the primary care payment increase as a payment arrangement separate and apart from the risk-based capitation payments to its MCOs.

If you require additional technical assistance to complete the implementation process for this provision, please contact Maria Drake in the Atlanta Regional Office at (404) 562-3697 or Nicole Kaufman in the Central Office at (410) 786-6604. In addition, questions may be submitted to CMCSPPACAQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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