

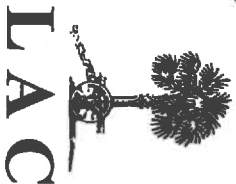
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1. LOG NUMBER 000127	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>9-10-07</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. For Kner, Deps</i> <i>Cleared 9/7/07 letter</i> <i>attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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August 29, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Forkner:

As requested by members of the General Assembly, the Legislative Audit Council is conducting an audit of the S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). The audit requesters have specified several issues for review, including client health and safety and the agency's use of funds.

In planning our review of DDSN, we would like to include the knowledge and experience of interested parties. We would appreciate your input in helping us to identify the relevant issues relating to the agency or furnishing information related to the audit request. If you have ideas to share, please contact Jane Thesing, Deputy Director (jthesing@lac.sc.gov), or Marcia Lindsay, Senior Auditor (mlindsay@lac.sc.gov) by email or telephone at 803-253-7612. We would appreciate receiving a response by September 12, 2007. Your reply will be held in confidence.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

George L. Schroeder
Director
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September 7, 2007

George L. Schroeder, Director
Legislative Audit Council
1331 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 315
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Thank you for your interested party letter regarding the Legislative Audit Council's review of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). As you know, DDSN provides many Medicaid-funded services, and the Department of Health and Human Services works closely with them to facilitate the funding and services for Medicaid clients with mental retardation and related disabilities. I understand that Kathy Snider of our staff has already been contacted by your audit team, and she, as well as any other DHHS Staff, will be happy to provide whatever information you may need. I am looking forward to the results of your review.

Sincerely,

Emma Forkner
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Director

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