

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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1. LOG NUMBER <i>100014</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. Perkins Dept, CMS</i> <i>File</i> <i>closed 8/1/09, letter</i> <i>attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
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Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop 52-14-26
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG)

June 25, 2009

Emma Forkner, Director
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Columbia, SC 29202-8206

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Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Ms. Forkner,

In response to the June 11, 2009 request from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90 day temporary extension of South Carolina's Home and Community Based Waiver program for persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. This waiver (#0237.R03.05) is currently scheduled to expire September 30, 2009. The extension allows the waiver to continue operating through December 29, 2009 at the cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with Federal financial participation.

The CMS approval is in response to the State's request for additional time to determine alternative strategies for managing scheduled budget reductions. The extension is granted in order to provide adequate time for the State to evaluate possible alternatives to proposed service reductions that adequately assure the health and welfare of waiver recipients.

Please update the CMS on the progress of the revised waiver application and target dates for submission of waiver renewal applications as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, feel free to contact Kimberly Adkins-McCoy at (404) 562-7159 at the Atlanta Regional Office or David Reed of my office at 410-786-0861.

Sincerely,


Terry Pratt
Acting Director

cc: Mary Kay Justice, Region IV
Suzanne Bosstick, Central Office



State of South Carolina
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Director

August 4, 2009

Ms. Terry Pratt
Department of Health & Human Services
Center for Medicaid and State Operations
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Re: South Carolina MR/RD Waiver Extension

Dear Ms. Pratt:

The State of South Carolina appreciates the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services granting approval of our request for a 90 day temporary extension of our Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities (MR/RD) waiver (#0237.R03.05). The extension will allow the State to continue operating the waiver through December 29, 2009 at the cost and utilization levels previously approved.

With this additional time we have been evaluating various waiver service package alternatives to address pressing State budget reductions, and ensuring careful consideration is given to the health and welfare of the waiver participants. We are making significant progress and anticipate submitting our waiver renewal application in early September 2009.

Should you need additional information related to this waiver renewal please contact Kara Lewis at (803) 898-2710.

Sincerely,

Emma Forkner
Director

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cc: Mary Kay Justice, Region IV
Kimberly Adkins-McCoy, Region IV
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