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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Supra, Kost, Travis, Roberts, CMS file Closed 7/31/14, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>8/5/14</i>
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JUL 17 2014

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Supra:

This letter is in response to South Carolina's request, dated March 31, 2014, for a waiver under section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act) to assist the state as it implements the changes resulting from the Affordable Care Act. Your request to delay eligibility renewals is approved in accordance with the authority granted in this letter.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that the authorities granted in this letter are necessary to protect beneficiaries as South Carolina completes development and testing of critical functionalities in its new eligibility and enrollment system. Accordingly, the authorities are granted only to the extent to which South Carolina requires additional time to integrate, build, and test critical MAGI functionalities in its new eligibility and enrollment system and are contingent upon regular updates from the state on the status of its systems development and capacity.

The state is expected to develop the necessary functionalities and capacity needed to perform eligibility renewals as expeditiously as possible, understanding the dependency upon the timing and content of future IBM/Curam releases. CMS would expect that the state is already developing a plan for integrating renewal functionality and related business processes so that the state will be ready to support renewals as soon as possible after receiving the IBM/Curam release. South Carolina's systems analyst will be monitoring the state's progress towards this milestone as part of the Systems Development Life Cycle process. If South Carolina is able to implement renewal functionalities at an earlier date than contemplated in this letter, the state will conduct the renewals of beneficiaries affected by the authority granted in this letter at an earlier date.

On October 10, 2013, CMS provided South Carolina with authority under section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Act to delay eligibility renewals scheduled for January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 for 3 months, until April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. CMS is now providing South Carolina with authority under section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Act to delay eligibility renewals scheduled for January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 for 5 months, until June 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The state will continue to act on changes in circumstance, including changes in income.

The authority provided in this letter is subject to CMS receiving your written acknowledgement of this approval and acceptance of these new authorities within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director for Policy, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services, at (410) 786-5647. We look forward to our continuing work together to achieve successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,


Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, Region IV
Eliot Fishman, Director, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, CMCS
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July 31, 2014

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Dear Ms. Mann:

This letter is in response to the wavier approval under section 1902 (e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act sent to South Carolina, dated July 15, 2014. We acknowledge and thank the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for granting this waiver as it will help facilitate a streamlined enrollment process and protect beneficiaries as South Carolina (SC) completes development and testing of critical functionalities in the new eligibility and enrollment system. We understand that the authorities are granted only to the extent to which SC requires additional time to integrate, build, and test critical MAGI functionalities in its new eligibility and enrollment system and are contingent upon regular updates from the state on the status of its systems development and capacity.

As mentioned in your letter we will continue to act on changes in circumstances, including changes in income during this time frame. Furthermore, we continue to be dependent upon the timing and content in releases from IBM/Cúram. Unfortunately the release containing renewal and redetermination functionality did not meet our expectations or requirements. Since the release we have conducted additional design sessions to mitigate the issues created from the product release and have a plan for renewals and redeterminations. We anticipate further delays due to the additional design and development needed to meet the minimum federal requirements for renewals and redeterminations. Due to these delays we sent a letter to CMS on July 25, 2014 requesting an extension to this waiver.

Ms. Cindy Mann

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 803-898-2031. We look forward to our continuing work together to best serve South Carolinians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth B. Hutto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "H".

Elizabeth B. Hutto, Deputy Director
Eligibility, Enrollment, and Member Services

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cc: Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, Region IV
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