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1. LOG NUMBER 000032	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

July 19, 2013

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Mr. Anthony E. Keck, Director
Department of Health & Human Services
1801 Main Street
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Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Mr. Keck:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approves the Operational Advance Planning Document-Update (OAPD-U) that South Carolina submitted on June 3, 2013. In accordance with 45 CFR Part 95.610, the state submitted the OAPD-U to summarize the operational activities and expenditures of its Medicaid Operations contract with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (BCBSSC) for the most recent contract year, and to document its projected budget and other activities for the third option year of the contract.

The third option year of South Carolina's Medicaid Operations contract with BCBSSC began June 26, 2013. Under the contract, BCBSSC provides front-end Medicaid claims processing services in support of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), including transmission of hardcopy and electronic claims data to the MMIS, claims resolution and adjustment preparation, provider communication and education, and training of state staff on the MMIS.

CMS's approval of South Carolina's OAPD-U is subject to the requirements in regulations at 42 CFR Part 433, Subpart C, 45 CFR Part 95, Subpart F, and Part 11 of the State Medicaid Manual. Funding identified in the OAPD-U was previously approved by CMS in letters to the State dated June 15, 2010 (approving \$49,110,399 for the five-year contract with BCBSSC), and July 11, 2011 (reducing total contract costs to \$42,585,563). Funding approval for the contract will expire on June 25, 2015.

South Carolina is reminded that onsite reviews will be conducted to determine whether or not the objectives for which FFP was approved are being accomplished, and whether or not the automatic data processing (ADP) equipment or services are being efficiently and effectively utilized in support of approved programs or projects as provided for at 45 CFR Part 95, Section 621 and the State Medicaid Manual. As provided by the State Medicaid Manual, Section 11200 and by 45 CFR 95.611, all subsequent revisions and amendments to this APD will require CMS prior written approval to qualify for FFP. In accordance with 45 CFR Part 95.623, state acquisition of ADP equipment and services without prior approval could result in disallowance of FFP.

Mr. Anthony E. Keck

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In addition, continued federal funding for this contract is contingent upon the state initiating monthly submission of the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) format beginning in early 2014. Data submissions are expected to meet quality validation routines for acceptance within 30 days of the reporting month. MSIS formats will no longer be accepted as part of this transition.

Should the MMIS fail to maintain and produce all federally required program management data and information, including the required T-MSIS, eligibility, provider, and managed care encounter data, in accordance with requirements in Part 11 of the State Medicaid Manual and the approved APD for this effort, FFP may be suspended or disallowed as provided for in federal regulations at 45 CFR 95.612.

Any changes to previously approved contracts for this effort require CMS prior approval pursuant to 45 CFR 95.611. Allowable costs are determined by 42 CFR Part 433.116, 45 CFR Part 92, 45 CFR Part 95, Subpart F, and Part 11 of the State Medicaid Manual. All costs identified in the APD are understood to be estimates only. Only actual costs incurred are reimbursable. The state must provide adequate support for all costs claimed in addition to providing detailed records and proper audit trails.

I would like to thank you and your staff for your ongoing success in administering South Carolina's MMIS. If there are any questions concerning this information, please contact John Allison at (828) 575-2876 or via email at John.Allison@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie Glaze".

Jackie Glaze

Associate Regional Administrator

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