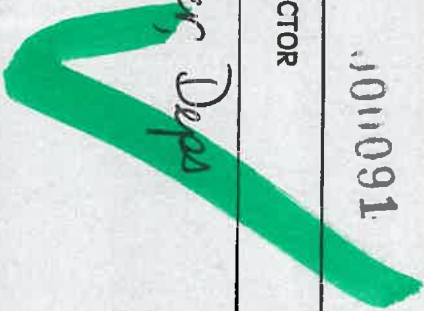


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Dear Ms. Forkner:

Thank you and your staff for your receptiveness to the questions and concerns we discussed with you at our last meeting on July 8. We all felt the meeting was very productive.

We want to reiterate our interest in enhancing our collaborative relationship with you and your staff regarding matters that affect the delivery, availability, and access to necessary mental health services to the citizens of South Carolina. Although we understand your legal relationship with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS), we envision a stronger collaboration with your staff in the design of services from the beginning of the process. In this way, we could provide your staff with information about the needs and circumstances of our clients that would facilitate their representation of our clients with CMS.

We understand your concerns about the cost of the operations necessary to support the 1915i option in light of your agency's financial restrictions. Nevertheless, we are currently exploring how other states are able or not, to deliver services available through the 1915i under their regular Rehabilitative Services. We will be communicating with your staff regarding any findings we have in reference to this matter and, based on the descriptions of the services included in the SFA, we would make a determination as whether to proceed with the 1915i option or not. If maintaining level of function is a part of rehabilitation services it is less likely that we would need the 1915i.

We are pleased with your agency's decision to keep the Clinic Services with their current rates except for those three services that will be integrated, in the new State Plan Amendment, under a service with a broader scope that may also present more flexibility with billing and documentation. We are looking forward to this.

We are looking forward to reviewing the rates for the services listed in the new Rehabilitative Option. In addition, we want to continue our discussions regarding the Medicaid coverage for mentally ill patients 65 year old and over admitted to an IMD. We are also exploring the possibility of developing residences for our chronically ill patients with more than sixteen beds. It is our understanding that you believe, as we do, that as long as residents receive any needed mental health services off site (i.e. at a CMH-C) the residential facility would not be an IMD. Finally, we are expecting your confirmation with our meeting with CMS.

Sincerely,

John H. Magill
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State Director

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