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January 25, 2011

Department of Health & Human Services
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Mr. Tony Keck
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mr. Keck:

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There is a large Unison Medicaid membership in Chester County and would like to provide needed services to them however we are precluded from doing so due to Unison not being forthright in finalizing the agreement. As a result your constituents enrolled in Unison have to drive outside the county for healthcare services.

I would appreciate any help you could provide in finalizing the hospital agreement between Unison and Chester Regional Medical Center. Feel free to contact me at 813.581.3151 or Tara Brewer, our Divisional Director of Managed Care, at 704.697.9108 who can provide any details you may need.

Sincerely,

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Page Vaughan, CEO

cc: Tara Brewer, Divisional Director of Managed Care

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Tara Vaughan, CEO

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February 8, 2011

Ms. Page Vaughan, Chief Executive Officer
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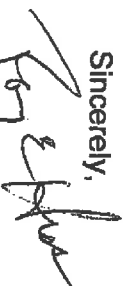
Dear Ms. Vaughan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 25, 2011, regarding the status of negotiations between Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center and Unison Health Plans.

I have discussed this matter with Ms. Jocelin Dawson of my staff, who is the Program Manager for Unison Health Plans' Medicaid Managed Care Organization. Based upon her conversations with Ms. Amy Ansell of Unison and Ms. Tara Brewer of Carolina Pines, it is my understanding that the issues of concern to you as expressed in your letter have been resolved.

Please let me know if I may be of further service with regards to this matter. If you have any questions please call me at (803) 898-4614.

Sincerely,



Roy E. Hess
Division Director

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cc: Ms. Tara Brewer, Divisional Director of Managed Care