

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE  1-3-12
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER  101240	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  CC: Mr. Keck, Depd * Please see attached letter dated 12-22-11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 1-11-12  <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1. <i>Close 1/11/12, see attached e-mail</i>			
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**Department of Health & Human Services  
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Dear Mr. Keck,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducts evaluations to improve the integrity of HHS programs. OIG is conducting an evaluation to determine the extent to which States are prepared to implement the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of Section 1413 (attached) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) by January 1, 2014. This evaluation will also determine the extent to which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance assists States in implementing the streamlined eligibility and enrollment requirements of the ACA.

In order to conduct this evaluation, we will request that each State complete a brief survey regarding the steps the State has taken or plans to take to implement Section 1413, the challenges the State anticipates with regard to implementing Section 1413, and the helpfulness of the CMS guidance the State has received regarding Section 1413. Please provide us with the name(s) of the staff who should respond to this survey for your State. The respondent(s) should be the staff who are most knowledgeable about the steps the State has taken or plans to take with regard to implementing the requirements of Section 1413, as well as the guidance received from CMS regarding streamlined eligibility and enrollment. There may be multiple respondents. The respondent(s) may be employed by the Medicaid agency or another agency in your State. If they are employed by the Medicaid agency, please provide their contact information, including name, address, telephone number, and email address. If they are employed by another agency in your State, please provide us with information for the appropriate point of contact at that agency. Please email the contact information to [michala.walker@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:michala.walker@oig.hhs.gov) by Friday, January 13, 2012.

One of the goals of this evaluation is to provide information to CMS on what information and guidance States still need to implement the requirements of Section 1413. Prompt responses to both the request for a contact person, and to the forthcoming online survey will ensure OIG provides timely information to CMS on this issue. The Inspector General Act [5 U.S.C. App 3, section 6(a)(1)] authorizes our access to this information. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact my office at 816-426-5959 and ask for a member of the State Readiness team.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Partison

Regional Inspector General

for Evaluation and Inspections

Attachment

*Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*  
*Section 1413*

**Eligibility and Enrollment Systems**

- The Secretary of HHS must establish a system in which residents of each State may apply for enrollment, receive a determination of eligibility, and participate in applicable State health subsidy programs. \*
  - Eligibility and enrollment systems must ensure that individuals applying for any of these State health subsidy programs are enrolled in the correct program.
- \* Section 2201 of ACA requires States to participate and comply with this requirement; we expect that most, if not all, States will establish their own eligibility and enrollment systems.

**Application Forms**

- Each State must use a single streamlined application form that may be:
  - used to apply for enrollment in all of its State health subsidy programs;
  - filed online, in person, or by mail, telephone, or facsimile;
  - filed with any of its State health subsidy programs; and
  - easily completed by applicants.

**Data Sharing and Data Matching**

- Each State must develop a secure electronic interface that allows sharing of eligibility data between all of its State health subsidy programs in order to coordinate and verify information regarding an applicant's eligibility.
- To the maximum extent practicable, each State health subsidy program shall establish, verify, and update eligibility using data matching arrangements, and determine applicant eligibility on the basis of reliable third party data.
- States must establish data sharing agreements with the Social Security Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Homeland Security.

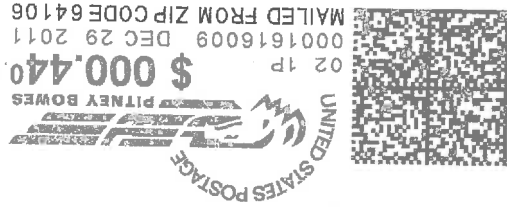
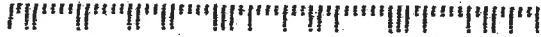
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Dear Mr. Keck:


The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires many changes to Medicaid and other state health subsidy programs over the next few years. Both the Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) are conducting studies of changes to Medicaid eligibility required by ACA. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of two requests related to our respective studies that you and your staff will be receiving in the coming weeks. While OIG and GAO are coordinating our data collection activities for these two studies so as to avoid duplication to the greatest extent possible, they are separate projects and require separate responses. Please respond to each request as you receive them.

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GAO is an independent, nonpartisan, federal agency that assists the U.S. Congress in evaluating federal programs. Congress has asked GAO to assess the status of states' efforts to implement Medicaid Expansion and establish American Health Benefit Exchanges by January 1, 2014. As part of this assessment, GAO will conduct a series of structured telephone interviews with Medicaid Directors in a number of selected states to discuss Medicaid expansion efforts. At the same time, GAO will administer an on-line survey to a designated budget representative in each of the 50 states to evaluate the implications of implementing Medicaid expansion and establishing health benefit exchanges on state budget planning efforts.

If you have questions regarding the OIG evaluation, please contact the office at 816-426-5959 and ask for a member of the state readiness team; if you have questions regarding the GAO study, please contact Brenda Rabinowitz, Assistant Director at 202-512-8706.

Sincerely,



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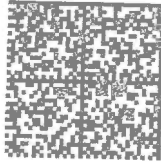
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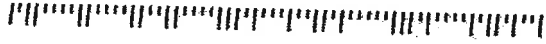
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## Brenda James - Fwd: HHS State Survey

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**From:** Teeshla Curtis  
**To:** Brenda James  
**Date:** 01/11/2012 5:13 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: HHS State Survey

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Brenda,

Please close Log 240 with the following email.

Thank you,  
Teeshla

>>> Teeshla Curtis 1/11/2012 5:12 PM >>>  
Ms. Walker,

I am writing to notify you that John Supra is the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' contact for the upcoming OIG survey. Mr. Supra's contact information is as follows:

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1801 Main Street  
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803-898-2502  
[supra@scdhs.gov](mailto:supra@scdhs.gov)

Please copy me on all email correspondence to Mr. Supra. If I can be of further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

*Teeshla Curtis*

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**CC:** Michael Jones <JONEST@scdhhs.gov>, Sharon Mondier <MONDIER@scdhhs.gov>  
**Date:** 3/27/2012 9:45 AM  
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Brenda,  
Here is the response for Log 240 – sent 1.11.12.  
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