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TO <i>M. J. J. J.</i>	DATE <i>11-24-08</i>
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Ms. Emma Forkner, Director  
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P. O. Box 8206  
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Department of Health & Human Services  
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RE: Partial Year Rate Increase for Unison Health Plan of South Carolina, Inc. MCO

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed the proposed MCO Contract Amendment Number One to change the address of the Standard Medicaid MCO contract for Unison Health Plan of South Carolina, Inc. and the MCO Contract Amendment Number Two to the Standard Medicaid MCO contract for Unison Health Plan of South Carolina, Inc. to increase the rate for the period July 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. We found that the contract amendment to increase the rate, which includes the capitation rates certified by an actuary, meets the requirements contained in 42 CFR 438 effective August 13, 2003. Based on our review of the submitted documents and information provided by your staff, we approve the rate increase.

If any future actuarial study or financial review reveals inaccuracies in the submitted capitation rate cost data, we reserve the right to recover the federal share of any unallowable costs resulting from the inaccuracies. In addition, if errors in the rates are later determined, you will be required to adjust your quarterly expenditure report to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

We appreciate the effort and cooperation provided by your staff during our review. Should you have any questions, please contact Elaine Elmore at 404-562-7408.

Sincerely,

Mary Kaye Justis, RN, MBA  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations