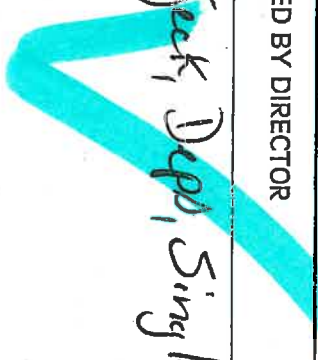


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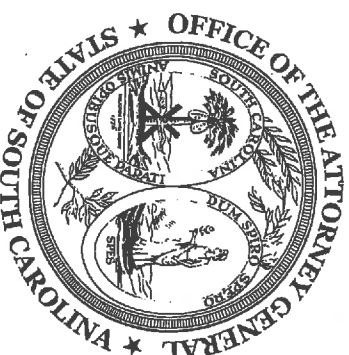
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VIA USPS AND EMAIL

Mr. Anthony Keck, Director
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Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202
keck@scdhhs.gov

Re: Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. ("Merck") Vioxx settlement

Dear Mr. Keck:

This office has reached a settlement with Merck concerning the sales and marketing of its drug Vioxx. I am pleased to inform you that the South Carolina Medicaid Program's portion of the settlement is \$1,851,150.65. These funds consist solely of state-share money. My finance division will contact your financial division concerning the interagency transfer.

I wish to thank you, Rick Hepfer, Jim Assey, Rod Davis, and the numerous other members of your office who have assisted with this suit and other suits, and I look forward to successful cooperation with your office on future matters.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please feel free to contact Assistant Deputy Attorney General C. Havird Jones, Jr., the attorney in charge of this matter, at (803) 734-3680 or me at (803) 734-3656.

Sincerely,

Alan Wilson

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