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Sincerely,

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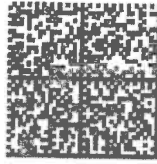
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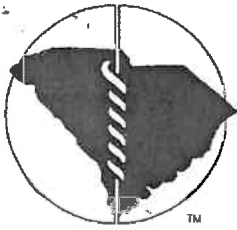
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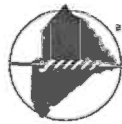
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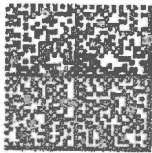
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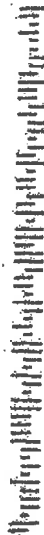
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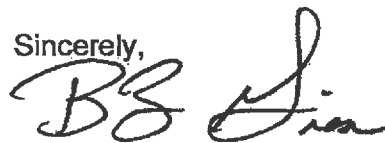
Dear Dr. Degenhart:

Thank you for your letter regarding the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) policy as it relates to childhood obesity. We appreciate the work that the South Carolina Medical Association Task Force is doing and we greatly value your perspective.

The Department has been analyzing the obesity trends of our recipients statewide, and are identifying hot spots for a focused effort to address this national trend in children and adults. As we begin to develop our strategy and policy goals, we welcome your participation much as you have welcomed DHHS into the Task Force.

Thank you for bringing your goals to our attention and for your continued participation in the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program. If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at (803) 898-0178.

Sincerely,



Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN  
Deputy Director

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cc: Janice D. Key, MD, Co-Chair