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HENRY McMASTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

February 11, 2010

VIA USPS AND EMAIL

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
Medicaid Program
Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott") - Tricor settlement

Dear Ms. Forkner:

This office has reached a settlement with Abbott concerning the deceptive methods used by the company to extend the patent protection of Tricor. I am pleased to inform you that the South Carolina Medicaid Program's portion of the settlement is \$338,443.86. This money consists of both federal-share funds and state-share funds. Tom Osmer, Finance Division Director, will be in contact with your financial office with information concerning the interagency transfer of these funds.

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

If you have any questions relating to this suit, please contact the attorney in charge of this litigation, Assistant Attorney General Mary Frances Jowers, at (803) 734-3996.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster", is written over a horizontal line.

Henry McMaster

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