

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO Myers	DATE 1-21-09
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000091	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Ms. Forkner Cleared 1/28/09, letter attached.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 9-30-09
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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South Carolina Association of Children's Homes and Family Services

Paula M. Fendley
Chief Executive Officer

January 19, 2009

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Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

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Dear Ms. Forkner:

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 391 ✓

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January 28, 2009

Ms. Paula Fendley
SC Association of Children's Homes and Family Services
133 Powell Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

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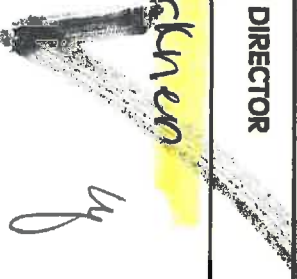
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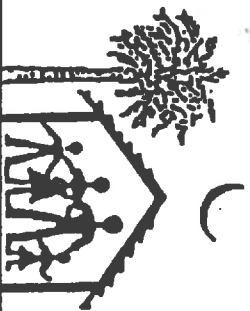
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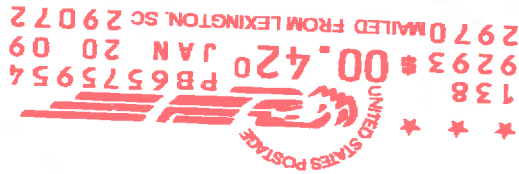
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