

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Miles</i>	DATE <i>11-13-08</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>300265</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Fortner Extend until 12/19/08 per Rick Hepley Jim Gladborn on 11/19/08, Verbal memo material needed</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>12-19-08</i> DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
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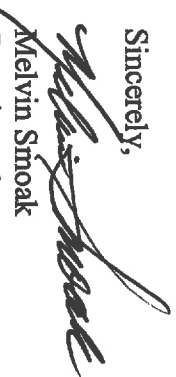
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We are willing to work with all DHEC and DHHS to rectify this situation as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding potential resolution. Please feel free to contact me (803-534-5454) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Melvin Simoak
Superintendent

c: Dr. Lisa Waddell, Deputy Commissioner for Health Services
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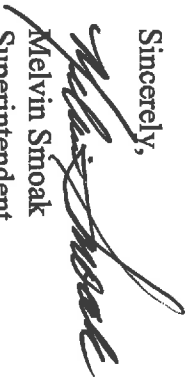
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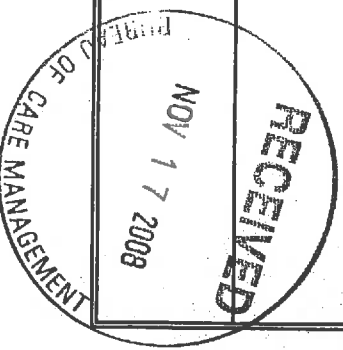
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December 30, 2008

Lisa F. Waddell, MD, MPH
Deputy Commissioner for Health Services
Department of Health
and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: School District MOA Contracts

Dear Dr. Waddell:

Thank you for your letter dated October 24, 2008 in which you report the omission of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) as the Title V entity and Orangeburg School District 5. Thank you for your prompt reporting of the problem. I apologize for my delay in responding while program staff and legal counsel have been in contact with DHEC representatives. I am told that while there has been a very helpful exchange, we have yet to determine how to minimize the impact upon payments to the Orangeburg School District and at the same time improve the process to prevent future occurrences since there may be other school districts in a similar position. As we try to sort this out, please keep us informed of other MOA omissions so we can stay abreast of the scope of the problem.

Again, thank you for your efforts to coordinate the Title V efforts with Medicaid payments. Please contact me if I may answer any questions about this letter. My direct is (803) 898-2501.

Sincerely,


Felicity Myers
Deputy Director

FCM/hhw

cc: Virgie Chambers, SCDE
Melvin Smoak, Orangeburg School District 5
Daphne Kyzer, DHEC, Contracts
Angie Olawsky, DHEC, Title V Liaison
Brenda Martin, DHEC, Maternal and Child Health Director