


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

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<i>W. Hyatt</i>	<i>12-28-07</i>

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1. LOG NUMBER 000316	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>1-9-08</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Mr. Jenkins</i> <i>Cops.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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State of South Carolina
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December 21, 2007

Office on Aging
Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
Director

Ms. Mary E. Forkner
Department of Health and Human Services
P. O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Emma:

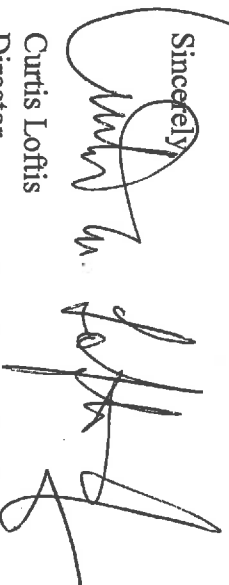
The Lt. Governor's Office on Aging is very interested in Long Term Care in South Carolina and ensuring that our seniors receive the best Long Term Care available – care suited to their individual needs.

It is my understanding that the Department of Insurance has drafted regulations regarding Long Term Care and that if these proposed regulations are passed this year the Department of Health and Human Services can amend the State Plan to include them. If this is the case, I would hope that HHS, DOI and the LGOA can partner to ensure that these regulations are included in the amended plan.

I believe these regulations are very important to ensuring that our state's senior citizens and everyone who needs Long Term Care can be adequately served.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to working with you on this matter and please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Curtis Loftis
Director

CC: Rachael Chaplin, Department of Insurance
Senator Scott Richardson, Department of Insurance
Samuel Waldrep, Department of Health and Human Services

Please let me know if we can be of assistance!





State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

January 9, 2008

Mr. Curtis Loftis, Director
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Office on Aging
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Loftis: *Curtis*

I appreciate your letter of December 21, 2007 expressing support for the Qualified Long Term Care Insurance Partnership program. Our agency is moving forward with plans to put this program in place. As your letter indicates, there are several things we are addressing along with the Department of Insurance (DOI) before the Medicaid State Plan amendment is filed and the partnership becomes effective. One of these includes the DOI regulatory changes.

Thank you for your offer of support for this effort. As we continue working on the partnership, we will involve your office as we explore options for marketing and public education. I have asked Sam Waldrep to keep you updated on our progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma".

Emma Forkner
Director

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