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| 2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Jack, Hart, Deps, CMS file</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ |
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Tony Keck
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State of South Carolina, Department of Health & Human Services
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Dear Mr. Keck:

This letter is in response to South Carolina's request, dated September 27, 2013 for a waiver that will assist the state as it implements of the Affordable Care Act. Your request to extend the dates for the state's eligibility renewals scheduled for January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 is approved. This strategy will help South Carolina achieve a more streamlined eligibility determination process and provide a smooth path to coverage for individuals eligible for Medicaid in 2014.

This letter authorizes the state, under the authority of section 1902(e)(14)(A) of the Social Security Act (the Act), to extend the dates for the state's eligibility renewals scheduled for January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 by three months. As you may know, section 1902(e)(14)(D)(v) of the Act, implemented at 42 CFR 435.603(a)(3), states that a person enrolled in Medicaid as of January 1, 2014 shall not be found ineligible solely because of the application of Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and the new household composition rules until the later of March 31, 2014 or the individual's next regular renewal date. Absent this waiver, the state would need to apply both the traditional Medicaid eligibility determination methods and the MAGI-based determination methods to anyone whose renewal date falls between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014. The state has flexibility to structure how the extended renewal period will take place. We agree that your indication that you will complete renewals for January through March 2014 by July 1, 2014 is reasonable.

The authority provided in this letter is subject to CMS receiving your written acknowledgement of this approval and acceptance of these new authorities within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Congratulations on this approval. We look forward to our continuing work together to achieve successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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If you have questions regarding this award, please contact Ms. Jennifer Ryan, Deputy Director for Policy, Children and Adults Health Programs Group, Centers for Medicaid & CHIP Services, at (410) 786-5647.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cindy Mann
Director

cc: Jackie Glaze, Associate Regional Administrator, Region IV