

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

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Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
P.O. Box 8306
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Ms. Forkner:

This is in response to your letter dated May 7, 2008, requesting that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) review and approve a proposed Implementation Advance Planning Document Update (IAPDU) to exercise the one year contract extension option under the existing contract with Thomason Reuters, Inc. The period of the extension is from July 20, 2008 to July 19, 2009. The additional time will allow South Carolina to complete a competitive re-procurement of Decision Support System.

The State is requesting approval of \$1,875,000 (Federal Share: \$1,406,250 at 75%) to exercise the one year option period under the existing contract. I am pleased to inform you that CMS approves the Department's request in accordance with 42 CFR Part 433.116, 45 CFR Part 92, 45 CFR Part 95, Subpart F, and the State Medicaid Manual (SMM), Part 11. This approval is effective May 27, 2008 and ends July 19, 2009.

The State is reminded that onsite reviews will be conducted to determine whether or not the objectives for which FFP was approved are being accomplished and whether or not the automatic data processing equipment or services are being efficiently, and effectively utilized in support of approved programs or project as provided for at 45 CFR Part 95, Section 621 and the SMM. As provided by the SMM, Section 11200 and by 45 CFR 95.611, all subsequent revisions and amendments to the IAPDU for this project will require our prior written approval to qualify for FFP.

If there are any questions concerning this approval, please contact I. David Hinson at (404) 562-7411 or via E-mail at Lawrence.hinson@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa DeCaro'.

T Teresa DeCaro, RN, M.S.
Acting, Associate Regional Administrator
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