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TO <i>Rowling</i>	DATE <i>8-28-06</i>
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August 18, 2006

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Department of Health & Human Services  
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Dear Susan:

Thank you for meeting at the Greenwood Genetic Center with Mr. Kerr, representatives of the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and our legislative delegation. The meeting was very helpful and provided direction as we go forward.

During the meeting, you mentioned a plan for some changes in the current rules regarding unit frequencies and perhaps other billing components related to genetic molecular tests. Could you please clarify these changes so that we may put them in place as appropriate?

Thanks again for your visit and for working with us to resolve Medicaid reimbursement issues that we encounter.

Cordially,

Roger H. Stevenson, M.D.  
 Director

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November 6, 2006

Roger E. Stevenson, M.D.  
Director  
Greenwood Genetics Center  
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Dear Dr. Stevenson:

We are writing in reference to our previous discussions related to Medicaid reimbursement for several genetic testing codes. We appreciate the feedback received from you and staff at the Greenwood Genetic Center.

Effective immediately, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will increase the frequency limits for the following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes:

- 83892 from 1 to 2 units per day
- 83894 from 1 to 10 units per day
- 83896 from 10 to 25 units per day
- 83898 from 10 to 13 units per day

Per your request, we have reviewed the CPT Appendix I modifiers. Although these are descriptive modifiers versus pricing modifiers, we agree that this is valuable information. As we discussed, utilization of these modifiers will require a systems change for us. We will issue a Medicaid Bulletin once the genetic testing modifiers can be reported.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Valeria Williams, Division Director for Physician Services, at (803) 898-3477.

Sincerely,

*Susan B. Bowling*  
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