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VIA EMAIL

Joshua Baker, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202

RE: Inmates and Medicaid

Dear Director Baker:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's Department of Corrections ad hoc subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Department of Corrections' (SCDC). The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether or not they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about various items related to Medicaid payment of services related to inmates. Please respond to the questions below by Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

1. Was there a time in which SCDC was permitted to consent on behalf of an inmate to enroll the inmate in Medicaid? If yes, when did that change and why?

2. What changes would be needed to allow SCDC to consent on behalf of an inmate?

Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide. Thank you and your team for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Department of Corrections Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee