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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG)

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June 25, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Forkner,

In response to the June 11, 2009 request from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is granting a 90 day temporary extension of South Carolina's Home and Community Based Waiver program for persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. This waiver (#0237.R03.05) is currently scheduled to expire September 30, 2009. The extension allows the waiver to continue operating through December 29, 2009 at the cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the waiver program with Federal financial participation.

The CMS approval is in response to the State's request for additional time to determine alternative strategies for managing scheduled budget reductions. The extension is granted in order to provide adequate time for the State to evaluate possible alternatives to proposed service reductions that adequately assure the health and welfare of waiver recipients.

Please update the CMS on the progress of the revised waiver application and target dates for submission of waiver renewal applications as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, feel free to contact Kimberly Adkins-McCoy at (404) 562-7159 at the Atlanta Regional Office or David Reed of my office at 410-786-0861.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terry Pratt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Terry Pratt  
Acting Director

cc: Mary Kay Justice, Region IV  
Suzanne Bosstick, Central Office