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October 1, 2011

Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

The Honorable Stan Bingham, Co-Chair  
Appropriations on Health and  
Human Services  
North Carolina Senate  
Room 2117, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Harris Blake, Co-Chair  
Appropriations on Health and  
Human Services  
North Carolina Senate  
Room 408, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair  
Appropriations on Health and  
Human Services  
North Carolina Senate  
Room 406, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Senators Bingham, Blake and Pate:

Section 10.45 of Session Law 2011-145, requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report on the study and determine the cost-savings that would result for Medicaid from the provision of musculoskeletal health services. The report is due October 1, 2011.

It has been determined that the specific scope of this report will require outside research and expertise. To accommodate the additional requirements, there will be a delay in the submission of the report. We anticipate submitting the report on or before January 03, 2012.

Please direct all questions concerning this report to Sandra Terrell, Assistant Director of Clinical Policy and Programs at the Division of Medical Assistance, at 919-855-4335.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanier".

Lanier M. Cansler

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