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October 21, 2010

Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

The Honorable William Purcell, Co-Chair  
Appropriations on Health  
and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 625, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Doug Berger, Co-Chair  
Appropriations on Health  
and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 526, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Senators Purcell and Berger:

Session Law 2010-31, Section 10.27 requires the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Medical Assistance and Public Health jointly study and report to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on the financial and programmatic feasibility of reducing the waiting list for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by expanding eligibility for Medicaid to HIV-positive individuals with incomes at or below 133% of the federal poverty level by November 1, 2010. Staff has been working on the analysis to determine the cost-effectiveness of using state dollars to expand Medicaid eligibility to this population compared to using state dollars to help fund the ADAP program, but need more time to analyze the health care costs of these individuals. In order to meet this objective of the Appropriations Act of 2010, there will be a delay in submission of this report until January 1, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lanier".

Lanier M. Cansler

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