

# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medical Assistance

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December 1, 2015

### SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Co-Chair Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 2217, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable William Brisson, Co-Chair Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 405, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925 The Honorable Josh Dobson, Co-Chair Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 301N, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Chris Malone, Co-Chair Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services North Carolina House of Representatives Room 603, Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

#### Dear Chairmen:

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Should you have additional questions, please contact Sarah Pfau, Policy and Regulatory Affairs at 919-855-4137 or Sarah.Pfau@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina Senate Room 1026, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Tommy Tucker, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina Senate Room 1127, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601 The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services North Carolina Senate Room 1028, Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601

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