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Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

Mark Trogon, Acting Director  
Fiscal Research Division  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 619, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Director Trogon:

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. On October 1, 2011, the Department reported that it anticipated submitting the report no later than January 03, 2012; however, the work of the outside agency is not complete.

The specific scope of the provision required the use of an outside researcher and experts in the field of musculoskeletal health. The Department secured Mercer, a financial services consulting firm, to complete the analysis. To accommodate the additional requirements, the Department anticipates submitting the report no later than March 1, 2012.

Please direct all questions concerning this report to Randall Best, Chief Medical Director at the Division of Medical Assistance, at 919-855-4263.

Sincerely,

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

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