

September 1, 2010

Submitted Electronically

To: Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Re: Obtaining Funding to Support Implementation of Health Care Reform

## **Dear Members:**

Per Senate Bill 897 (Appropriations Act), Section 24.2. (b), the NC Department of Insurance was required to report by September 1<sup>st</sup> to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations the results of our efforts to apply for federal funds that are available through the Patient Protection and Affordable Insurance Care Act, Public Law 111-148, or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, to support the implementation of health care reform.

The NC Department of Insurance has made application for federal grant funds offered for Health Insurance Premium Review. I am very pleased to report that the agency has been awarded \$1,000,000. This success is due to the dedicated hard work and expertise of my Department team. Though the one million dollar grant did not cover all 13 positions mentioned in SB 897, we will continue to pursue grant funds for the rest of the positions mentioned in SB 897 and other positions that will be needed.

For your perusal, following this cover page is a copy of the application and the corresponding award letter. If you have any questions or concerns, then please contact us.

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Respectfully submitted,

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