



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

March 9, 2009

Secretary Holly Benson  
Agency for Health Care Administration  
2727 Mahan Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Secretary Benson:

As you know, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, has established a March 10, 2009 deadline for submission of amended reports to enable enhanced funds from the increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) to be available. Execution of these amended reports will begin a process by which approximately \$817 million in additional federal funds will be available to Florida from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Please proceed to sign and transmit the necessary reports and any related documents to ensure these critically needed funds will be available to our citizens as soon as the Legislature provides the appropriate authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist