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### **SCDHHS Announces New Deputy Directors**

**Columbia, SC** – The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is proud to announce that Adriana Day, CPA, will serve as Deputy Director for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) starting March 28, 2014. Elizabeth (Beth) Hutto, Esq., who served as interim Deputy Director and CFO, has been named Deputy Director for Eligibility, Enrollment and Member Services.

Day has an extensive background in finance with more than nine years of experience in a hospital setting. In these positions, she was responsible for budget preparation and management, audits, preparation of tax filings and various financial reports. Day has also successfully led multiple process improvement projects across these organizations including transformation of the budget process, development of a clinical documentation program to increase specificity, as well as other revenue cycle initiatives to increase reimbursement, and automation of the procurement to pay process.

As CFO, Day will concentrate on improving the accuracy of budget forecasting, increasing the transparency of the agency's budget, improving efficiencies within the finance area and evaluating economic factors that impact the agency's financial performance. She will continue to ensure the strategic planning and budgeting process is performance-driven as SCDHHS continues to shift its operations from being a payor of health services toward creating policies and initiatives that drive broad health improvements and health value for the citizens of South Carolina.

Day joined SCDHHS in April 2013 as the Director of Planning and Budget managing the Agency's budget process including budget preparation, forecasting and analysis. She graduated from Lander University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics.

During her term as interim CFO, Hutto has built a dedicated financial team that has successfully rebuilt reserve funds to sustain the Medicaid program, strengthened the budget forecasting and monitoring processes and managed the preparation of SCDHHS' nearly \$7 billion state fiscal year 2015 budget request.

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Hutto's knowledge gained from her prior roles within the Agency, extensive work as an advocate for Medicaid recipients and extensive knowledge of the program's intricacies ensure she is qualified to effectively serve South Carolinians in her new position as Deputy Director for Enrollment, Eligibility and Member Services. In her new capacity, she will continue to serve as a member of the executive management team and manage enrollment and member services, including the supervision and operation of our 46 county offices, for the more than 1 million beneficiaries that SCDHHS serves. Hutto will further SCDHHS' dedication to creating a more consumer-focused environment for our beneficiaries and applicants including streamlined application processes, removing unnecessary barriers and waiting periods for applicants, providing excellent customer service and increasing access to member services. She is also continuing our efforts to develop a community-based work force to ensure we meet our commitment to our beneficiaries by providing vital services to those who need them, where they need them – in their homes and communities, where health begins.

Hutto joined SCDHHS in April 2012 as the Program Director for the Division of Appeals and Hearings and Third Party Liability. Previously, she served as an advocate for Medicaid recipients with the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center and the Tennessee Justice Center, during which time she represented 750,000 children in a Medicaid class action case. Hutto graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of South Carolina Honors College in 1993 and received her law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1996. She is a member of the South Carolina and Florida Bars.

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