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### **ELIZABETH HUTTO NAMED INTERIM CFO FOR SCDHHS**

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**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is proud to announce that Elizabeth (Beth) Hutto, Esq. will serve as the interim Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) starting March 1, 2013, replacing exiting Deputy Director and CFO Ruth Johnson.

During her tenure at SCDHHS, Johnson successfully established an independent Office of Planning and Budget within the department to strengthen the budget forecasting and monitoring processes, managed the preparation for SCDHHS' \$6.476 billion state fiscal year 2014 budget request and prepared the three-year forecast for the South Carolina Budget and Control Board.

"Although personal obligations have called me back home to Louisiana, I have the utmost confidence that Beth Hutto will continue to execute a financially-sound, accountable management plan of taxpayer dollars on behalf of SCDHHS," states Johnson.

Hutto's extensive work with Medicaid recipients and extensive knowledge of the program's intricacies make her an ideal candidate for this position. In her new capacity, she will serve as a member of the executive management team and manage the financial, budget and administrative operations for South Carolina's \$6 billion Medicaid program. Hutto will work to ensure the strategic planning and budgeting process is performance driven as SCDHHS shifts its operations from being a payor of health services towards policies and initiatives that drive broad health improvements and health values for the citizens of South Carolina.

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 a class of 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 also a member of the South Carolina and Florida Bars.

SCDHHS is currently conducting a national search for a permanent Deputy Director and CFO.

*The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services provides health care benefits to more than 1.1 million South Carolinians. Its mission is to purchase the most health for our citizens in need at the least possible cost to the taxpayer.*

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