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Dear Dr. Clark,

Pee Dee Family Practice is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

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NEWBERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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December 14, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Clark:

Newberry County Memorial Hospital wholeheartedly supports the creation of the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN) which will bring telehealth and telemedicine to rural areas of South Carolina. We strongly encourage the Federal Communications Commission to favorably consider the Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to fund the PSPN.

The PSPN - with its telemedicine network connecting rural hospitals, health centers and physicians to tertiary centers and academic medical centers – will level the playing field between urban and rural disparities in health care. It allows physicians and health care specialists to diagnose and treat patients over distances, delivering specialized medical care directly to the people who need it, from Beaufort to Caesar's Head, Little River to Walhalla.

This initiative will help rural hospitals save money and lives with a few clicks of a computer mouse. Telehealth will immeasurably improve healthcare for South Carolinians.

Therefore, I urge strong, careful consideration of the proposal from Health Sciences South Carolina and thank you in advance for your assistance in this worthy matter.

Sincerely,

Lynn W. Beasley
President and CEO

Quality Services with a Personal Touch

Oconee Memorial Hospital

Making a difference for life

December 6, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
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OCIO Information Services
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Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark:

Oconee Memorial is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeanne L. Ward, R.N., Ed.D., C.H.E.
President and CEO

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ABBEVILLE AREA
MEDICAL CENTER

December 7, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D
VP and Chief Information Officer, MUSC
OCIO Information Services
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Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark,

Abbeville Area Medical Center is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

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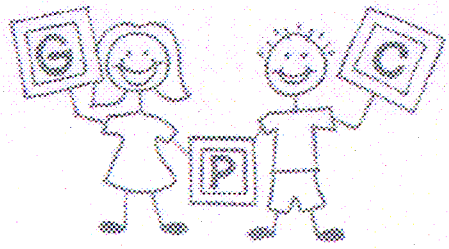

December 8, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Medical University of South Carolina
OCIO Information Services
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PO Box 250801
Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark:

The Georgetown Pediatric Center strongly endorses the Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the FCC to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

Our pediatric practice is located in a rural area of South Carolina. The broadband network proposed by HSSC will greatly enhance the quality of care for children in our area. Our already close working relationship with our tertiary pediatric centers of excellence will be able to move to the next level with instant and seamless communication for patient care and continuing education. The web-based HER and telemedicine capabilities will greatly enhance the health of rural children. We hope you will receive rapid approval of your funding request.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Hletko, MD, FAAP

BARNWELL
COUNTY HOSPITAL

December 11, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
Vice President and Chief Information Officer
Medical University of South Carolina
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Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark:

Barnwell County Hospital is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Waters, CHE
Chief Executive Officer

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GEORGETOWN
HOSPITAL SYSTEM

December 8, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
Vice President and Chief Information Officer
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19 Hagood Avenue
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Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark:

Georgetown Hospital System is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Bailey
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December 15, 2006

Dear Dr. Clark:

I am pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the FCC to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

I understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN. It is my understanding that this would establish a broadband network to connect rural hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to large medical centers and teaching hospitals. This network would provide rural caregivers with medical education services and a web-based EHR.

Thank you for your consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Smoak, M.D.

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ALICE CALDWELL, FNP

December 13, 2006

Dear Dr. Clark,

Griffin Family Practice Rural Health Clinic is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely

Sidney T. Griffin, MD
Medical Director

STG/sbs

Edisto Pediatrics

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Dear Dr. Clark,

(Edisto Pediatrics) is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Benjamin Rodgers, MD, FAAP

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Clarendon Memorial

December 27, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D
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Post Office Box 250801
Charleston, S.C. 29425

Dear Dr. Clark,

Clarendon Memorial Hospital is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to large tertiary centers and academic medical centers.

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Frye, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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December 4, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
19 Hagood Avenue
PO Box 250803
Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark:

Kingstree Family Medicine is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thanks for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

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DAWNE F. HERSHBERGER, R.N.
Family Nurse Practitioner

December 4, 2006

Dear Dr. Clark,
Family Medicine Associates of Abbeville is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospital, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web HER will be made available over the broadband network.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Holly

Mary Jo Holly
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December 7, 2006

Dear Dr. Clark,

R. Dale Padgett, M.D. Family Practice is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network. This will significantly enhance patient care!

Thank you for the strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

R. Dale Padgett, M.D.
RDP/smm

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Mr. Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
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Dear Mr. Clark,

McLeod Medical Center~ Dillon is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission to create the Palmetto State Providers Network.

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the Federal Communications Commission to establish the Palmetto State Providers Network which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the world. In addition, to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network.

Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Brenda Altman

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December 7, 2006

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Dear Dr. Clark,

Marlboro Primary Care Associates of Bennettsville, SC is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create Palmetto State Providers (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based HER will be made available over the broadband network.

Thanks for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal. It is time rural medicine entered the 21st century.

Sincerely,

Ben W. Wilson, Jr. MD (Primary Care) Lawrence Casey Mann, III MD (Primary Care)

Priyan Sathurakoon, MD (Pulmonology) Julia V. James, FNP (Primary Care)

Carolina Pediatric Associates
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Daren E. Carling, M.D.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Dear Dr. Clark,

Carolina Pediatric Associates is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Daren E. Carling

CLARENDON
HEALTH SYSTEM

January 9, 2007

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Clark:

Clarendon Health System is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

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Thank you for your strong consideration of the HSSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Shugart
Chief Operating Officer

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SOUTH CAROLINA
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE
ASSOCIATION

January 9, 2007

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
Vice President and Chief Information Officer
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Dear Dr. Clark:

The South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA) is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's (HSSC) proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN). As the membership association for South Carolina's community health centers, the SCPHCA is well aware of the benefits of bringing innovative telehealth and, in particular, telemedicine services to the rural areas of our state.

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers. In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to rural caregivers. We are also particularly pleased to see that this project proposes to offer to rural caregivers a web-based Electronic Health Record through the broadband network.

The SCPHCA looks forward to working with this effort and to providing whatever support we can in order to successfully bring the benefits of health technology to rural South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Lathran J. Woodard
Executive Director

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Sincerely,

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KERSHAW COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

December 4, 2006

Frank C. Clark, Ph.D.
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OCIO Information Services
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Dear Dr. Clark:

As CEO of the Kershaw County Medical Center, I am pleased to offer support for the Health Sciences South Carolina's (HSSC) proposal to the Federal Communications (FCC) Commission to create the Palmetto State Providers Network. It is my understanding that HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the Palmetto State Providers Network which will be a broadband network connecting rural hospitals, community health centers, and the office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers. In addition to the physician broadband network, the Palmetto State Providers Network will make available, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine and medical education services to the rural caregivers.

This is an important initiative and your strong consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dennie J. Weeks
CEO & President

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April 30, 2007

Frank C. Clark, PhD
CIO/VP
Professor of Biostatistics
Medical University of South Carolina
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Charleston, SC 29425

Dear Dr. Clark,

National LambdaRail, Inc. is pleased to support Health Sciences South Carolina's proposal to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to create the Palmetto State Providers Network (PSPN).

We understand HSSC is requesting funding from the FCC to establish the PSPN which will be a broadband network connecting rural based hospitals, community health centers, and office based physicians to the large tertiary centers and academic medical centers and out to the "world". In addition to the physical broadband network, PSPN will make, enhance and expand telehealth, telemedicine, and medical education services to the rural caregivers. Additionally, a web-based EHR will be made available over the broadband network.

I am pleased to commit to providing access to the national network resources of National LambdaRail, via our members Southern Light Rail and North Carolina LambdaRail, to your project during the life of the pilot program.

We are committed to serving as a key participant in this project that will result from the application being submitted by your consortium.

Thank you for initiating this effort that will strengthen health care for and the information infrastructure of our rural communities.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. West
CEO, National LambdaRail, Inc.

Cc: Maria Meehl