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TO: Human Resources Directors

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SUBJECT: 2012 Payroll Changes - Updated

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Congress passed a two-month extension to the reduced 4.2% rate on employees' portion of Social Security tax on Friday. The reduced rate was scheduled to expire December 31, 2011; it will now be in effect through February 29, 2012.

Although the Social Security tax rate will remain the same through February 29, 2012, the Internal Revenue Service has released new income tax withholding tables and Employee Insurance Program (EIP) rates may have changed for health, dental and optional life plans for 2012.

Please notify employees that as a result of these changes, employees' net check amounts may change starting with the January 1, 2012 payroll check or direct deposit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at tmorris@cg.sc.gov or at 803-734-2347.