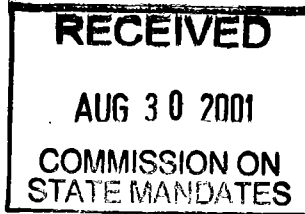


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Ms. Shirley Opie
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RE: Test claim 00-TC-23, In Home Supportive Services II
County of San Bernardino

Dear Ms. Opie:

The State Department of Social Services (DSS) requests a further extension of the due date to submit comments on the above cited test claim.

DSS had previously requested an extension without having reviewed the underlying claim. When we made that request DSS had not as yet received a copy of the claim. Our request was primarily a response to having been served with a copy of the Department of Finance request for extension. At that time the claim had not been reviewed and it also was not clear to us whether representation by the State Attorney General would be required.

I reviewed the claim for the first time on August 13, 2001. That review revealed the claim to be complex involving not one, but rather three separate statutes. The complexity of the claim has made consultation with other divisions within the Department essential. However, due to the shortness of time and prior commitments I have been unable to properly consult with necessary staff and staff reviews have not been completed.

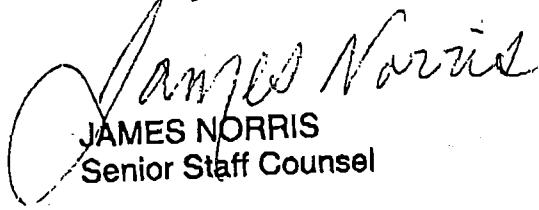
In the context of this claim, and given our late start, it is clear that a proper response can only be developed if additional time is granted.

For these reasons the Department of Social Services respectfully requests a further extension of sixty (60) days, from the current due date of September 10, 2001, to

submit a response in this case.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



JAMES NORRIS
Senior Staff Counsel