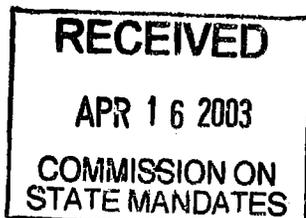




April 14, 2003



Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received three test claims submitted by the Santa Monica Community College District in letters, each dated March 12, 2003, from the Commission. The test claims are:

- 02-TC-15, *Cancer Presumption (K-14)*
- 02-TC-16, *Lifeguard Skin Cancer Presumption (K-14)*, and
- 02-TC-17, *Hepatitis Presumption (K-14)*.

Due to a recent change in analysts to whom these test claims were assigned, we respectfully request an extension from April 11, 2003 through May 12, 2003. This extension would provide Finance with adequate time to review the proposed Test Claims.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jennifer Osborn, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-8913 or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

S. Calvin Smith
Program Budget Manager