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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: York County County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

Mr. Purvis W. Collins
Director
South Carolina Retirement System
Post Office Box 11960, S.C.
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion concerning the status of the above agency for Social Security purposes. Section 218(b)(5) of the Federal Social Security Act ([42 U.S.C. Section 418\(b\)\(5\)](#)) provides for Social Security coverage through state retirement systems only for employees of the state or a political subdivision thereof. The above-named Council, while a service organization and eligible for participation in the State Retirement System, is not a subdivision of the State. Hence, Social Security coverage must be obtained through IRS rather than through the Retirement System.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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