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Dear Mr. Colvin:

With reference to your letter regarding whether or not the Division of General Services through its Insurance Department can serve as an intermediary for the procurement of Workmen's Compensation for the Lexington County Hospital, there appears to be no statutory authority or other general authority granting such power to the Division of General Services. Section 72-451 et seq. of the 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina (as amended) governs the State Workmen's Compensation Fund and there is nothing in these statutes allowing such a deviation from the normal practice involving Workmen's Compensation coverage. In view of the fact that Section 1-432 of the South Carolina Code explicitly sets forth the authority for the insurance coverage for certain medical institutions by the Budget and Control Board, it seems that the Division of General Services would not be authorized to act as such an intermediary without statutory authority. Thus, absent such statutory authority, the Workmen's Compensation coverage should be handled as it has in the past, exclusively by the Industrial Commission.

If this Office can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Yours very truly,

Hardwick Stuart, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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