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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>5-21-10</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>100456</i>	2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Gov office #007526</i> <i>cleaned 5/27/10, see attached e-mail.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>5-28-10</i>	DATE DUE _____
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Post Office Box 12267
COLUMBIA 29211

May 17, 2010

The Honorable Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health,
and Human Services
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Tania Vizzini
Denial of Medicaid

Dear Emma,

Please find enclosed correspondence from Tania Vizzini regarding the reason she was denied Medicaid benefits. Your assistance in responding would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your help and take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

Mark Sanford

MS/dr

Enclosure

From: <spunkEmonkE249@aol.com>
To: <mark@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 5/14/2010 11:08:20 AM
Subject: I need help with SC Medicaid information

Contact the Office of the Governor

Name | Tania Vizzini
Company |
Address1 | 96 Owens Rd
Address2 |
City | Piedmont
State | SC
Zip | 29673
County | Greenville
Phone | 864-704-7844
Email | spunkEmonkE249@aol.com
IP | 10.92.2.5
Date | 5/14/2010 11:10:31 AM
Subject | I need help with SC Medicaid information

Dear Governor Sanford,

Hi, I am writing to you because I do not know who else to contact. Over the past four months I have been actively trying to apply for Medicaid. I am a single mother with no job currently, and my son is on Medicaid. I have been extremely sick, and have no way of being able to afford going to the emergency room or the doctor. I haven't had to go to the Doctor in years; but I am real worried about my health at this moment, and have nowhere to turn.

My mom is currently helping my son and I out by allowing us to stay with her while I help take care of my father who is disabled with MS so that my mom can work. While taking care of my dad I feel that he truly blesses me more than he knows.

I just got off the phone with the third person that I have talked to from the Medicaid office. I have received different answers each time about why I was denied, all pertaining to my son's father. Today I was told that in order for me to be eligible to receive Medicaid my son's father would have to be paying child support. The problem I have with that is that I do not know who my son's father is. When my son was conceived it was not a good time in my life. I wasn't living for God, and was doing anything I could to deny God. So I don't really remember any of that part of my life. I do know that I was dating anyone.

My son brought me back to God, and God is the only reason I am here today and my son also. I know things will workout for good, but not being able to receive medical help, the pain hurts so bad, and I'm scared. God is my Healer and I pray daily for healing.

I am just writing to you because I do not know what else to do or who to ask for medical help. Is there anything you can do to help me? Thank you so much, in advance. May God lead you daily. Stay blessed in all you do.

Sincerely,
Tania Vizzini

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From: Denise Epps
To: Lena Aquino
CC: Gina Green; Jennifer Lynch; Sheila Chavis
Date: 5/27/2010 12:17 PM
Subject: Log #0456 due 5/28/10 for Gov's Ofc (Vizzini-#007526)

Denise in the Governor's office told me this inquiry can be handled verbally and that nothing is needed in writing, so here is an email providing a summary for closure.

The EW's supervisor said Ms. Vizzini's LIF application was denied in February because she indicated on the 2700 Form she knew the first name of her son's father and the fact that he was a Marine, so the EW made a judgment call as to whether she could have provided more info or not. The supervisor said Ms. Vizzini did not indicate the simplest of things like the father being male, his color of hair, her child's date of birth, etc.

Both the EW and I have personally spoken with Ms. Vizzini, and she now understands why her application was denied.

A face-to-face eligibility appt. has been set up next week with the EW for Ms. Vizzini to reapply for LIF since it's been over 30 days since action was taken in MEEDS to deny.

Ms. Vizzini has my contact info, as well as her EW's, if we may be of further assistance.

Lena, do you need anything else from me?

Thanks,
Denise