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TO <i>Ries</i>	DATE <i>9-15-06</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000247</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Claud 9/26/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>9-26-06</i>
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From: Gary Ries
To: Jan Polatty
Date: 9/14/2006 11:20:14 AM
Subject: Fwd: Medicaid for adults with cystic fibrosis

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We need to log, ship to Alicia for response please.

Gary

>>> "Stephanie Limb" <slimb@mchpolicy.org> 9/12/2006 12:12 pm >>>

Fox Health Policy Consultants is conducting a study of Medicaid and other state health programs for adults with cystic fibrosis in all 50 states. We are interested in learning about your state's eligibility options for this population and also any fiscal and policy changes that might affect adults with CF. I have reviewed your state plan documents and other relevant information on program eligibility from your website and other sources, so many of my questions are to verify information. I anticipate the questions should take 5-10 minutes to answer.

Gary Ries

"Opprop, Sign."

If you have any questions about the study or if you prefer to answer the questions over the phone, I can be reached at 202 223 1500. As always, we appreciate your help and responsiveness.

1. How do adults with cystic fibrosis generally qualify for Medicaid in South Carolina (what are the primary pathways through which they qualify)?

2. It is my understanding that South Carolina does not have a medically needy program for adults with disabilities. Is this correct?

a. If not correct, when did the state implement this coverage option?

b. What is the income eligibility level?

3. It is my understanding that South Carolina covers adults with disabilities up to 100% of poverty (OBRA 1986 option). Is this correct?

4. It is my understanding that South Carolina does not cover individuals receiving state supplementary payments (SSP) only. Is this correct?

a. If not correct, when did the state implement this coverage option?

b. What is the income eligibility level?

5. It is my understanding that South Carolina has a buy-in program for workers with disabilities with incomes up to 250% of poverty. Is this correct?

6. It is my understanding that South Carolina does not have an 1115 waiver to cover childless adults. Is this correct?

a. If not correct, when did the state implement such a waiver?

b. What is the income eligibility level?

c. Is there a cap on enrollment? If so, what is the cap?

7. For FY 2007, are there any proposed changes from the legislature or from within the Medicaid agency that would limit eligibility and enrollment for adults with CF?

If yes, please describe.

If yes, in what way?

_____ eliminating eligibility category

cystic fibrosis.

10. Are there any other changes in Medicaid that are likely to take place in the next year or two that might adversely affect adults with CF gaining and retaining Medicaid eligibility? No Yes

If yes, please explain.

Stephanie Limb

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From: Mark Orf
To: Jan Polatty
Date: 9/26/2006 4:07:15 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Survey: Medicaid for adults with cystic fibrosis
here it is

>>> "Stephanie Limb" <slimb@mchpolicy.org> 9/26/2006 11:21 AM >>>
Thank you very much. Stephanie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Orf [mailto:Orf@scdhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 11:19 AM
To: Stephanie Limb
Cc: Betty Moses
Subject: Fwd: Survey: Medicaid for adults with cystic fibrosis

See attached completed survey. If you need further assistance please contact Betty Moses at 803-898-3949.

>>> "Stephanie Limb" <slimb@mchpolicy.org> 9/12/2006 12:12 pm >>>

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Answer: Generally, they can apply for Medicaid through our Aged,

Blind and Disabled (ABD) Program. If the individual is not aged (65 or older) blind or has been declared disabled, they must be determined totally and permanently disabled according to the Social Security Administration rules. In addition to these criteria, they must also be determined financially and non-financially (i. e. resident of S. C., citizenship, etc.) eligible for the ABD Program.

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Yes, this is correct.

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Yes.

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Yes.

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Yes, this is correct.

- a. If not correct, when did the state implement such a waiver?
- b. What is the income eligibility level?
- c. Is there a cap on enrollment? If so, what is the cap?

7. For FY 2007, are there any proposed changes from the legislature or from within the Medicaid agency that would limit eligibility and enrollment for adults with CF?

No.
If yes, please describe.

If yes, in what way?

- _____ eliminating eligibility category
- _____ lowering income eligibility level
- _____ capping enrollment

If yes, have these changes been adopted _____ or are they, in your estimation

Very likely to be adopted _____
or
are they

Likely to be adopted _____ or
they

Not likely to be adopted _____?

8. For FY 2007, are there any proposed changes from the legislature or from within the Medicaid agency that would expand enrollment for adults with CF?

No.
If yes, please describe.

If yes, in what way?

- adding eligibility category
- raising eligibility income level
- raising enrollment cap

If yes, have these changes been adopted _____ or are they, in your estimation

Very likely to be adopted _____
or
are they

Likely to be adopted _____ or
are they

Not likely to be adopted _____?

9. We are also interested in FY 2008. Are you aware of anticipated policy changes that would impact eligibility for adults with cystic fibrosis.

No.

10. Are there any other changes in Medicaid that are likely to take place in the next year or two that might adversely affect adults with CF gaining and retaining Medicaid eligibility? _____ Yes
X__ No

If yes, please explain.

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