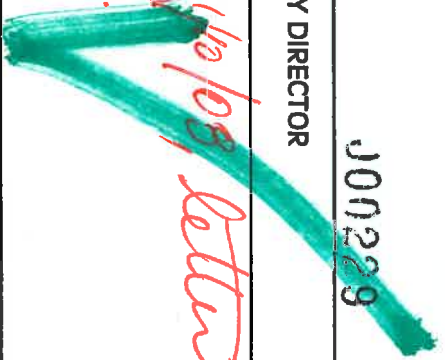


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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>10/28/08</i>
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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Clean & 11/10/08, letter attached.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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October 28, 2008

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Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
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Fax: 803-255-8235 [7 pages]

RE: Ms. Kathy B. Bonner
SSN 251-98-3152

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent whose family contacted me regarding Medicaid for a liver transplant. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Your kind assistance in reviewing this case as soon as possible would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,

Joe Wilson

JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Consent for Release of Personal Records by Executive Agencies

Name of Agency: Medicaid Dept. of Health Human Services
To Whom It May Concern:

I have sought assistance from Congressman Joe Wilson on a matter that may require the release of information maintained by your agency, and which may be prohibited from dissemination under the Privacy Act of 1974.

I hereby authorize you to release all relevant portions of my records or to discuss information involved in this case with Congressman Wilson or any authorized member of his staff until the matter is resolved.

Kathy B. Binner
Name of Claimant- (Please Print)

11-1-53
Date of Birth

1829 W.E. Jeffcoat Rd. Swansea, SC 29160
Address of Claimant City Zip

251-98-3152
Social Security Number

VA Claim # of OPM # (if applicable)

(803) 868-5488
Telephone Number- Home

N/A
Telephone Number- Work

Kathy B. Binner
Signature of Claimant

10-22-08
Today's Date

Please briefly explain your concern: I am in end-stage liver
(use the back if necessary)

failure and in need of a liver transplant
immediately according to MUSC. The Medicaid
process takes a long time and I am
afraid I will die waiting to be
approved.

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October 20, 2008

Ms. Kathy Bonner
1829 W.E. Jeffcoat Road
Swansea, South Carolina 29160

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding Medicaid. I certainly regret the difficulties that you are experiencing. I will be happy to assist you with your problem.

However, due to the Privacy Act of 1974, I will need your written permission to look into this matter for you. Therefore, I am enclosing a consent form that will give me the authorization that I need to be of assistance in this matter. Please complete the form, sign it and mail it to me in the enclosed envelope.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Very truly yours,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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My name is Kathy and I am 54 years young. I am a Swansea, SC resident.

I am currently in the hospital fighting for my life and I am running out of time... In 1986 I was in an accident my first (and last) time riding on a motorcycle. I contracted Hepatitis C from a blood transfusion I was given, ironically, to save my life. Six years later I found out I had the virus and have been suffering ever since. My husband has spent well over \$100,000.00 to treat and try to stop the disease. A lot of the treatments were extremely painful and nothing has worked. Seven weeks ago my world finally fell apart when I was told I needed a liver transplant immediately (Within a few months) or I would not live to see my grand children or my 6-month-old great granddaughter grow up. I am in end-stage liver failure. My family is trying desperately to save my life. Social Security Disability and Medicaid have been applied for but the wait is too long. We have pulled together the \$600.00 for the initial consultation and the \$10,000.00 for the testing at the liver transplant facility in Charleston to see if I am a candidate for a liver transplant. I pray that I am. Then we can start focusing on the \$200,000.00 down payment for my new liver. I don't understand how people can donate their organs out of the kindness of their hearts for nothing and the recipient has to pay so much money for them. I often wonder how many of them know how much the person they were trying to help will have to pay for something that was meant to be a gift. I'm trying to stay positive and keeping in contact with my Savior because I know he is the King of miracles. I know my family and friends need me and I see how hard they are trying to save me. I am so tired of hurting and fighting. The pain is unbearable, however, I am a survivor and I have told my family I will keep fighting as long as it takes. As long as it takes to get a miracle. Hopefully it will come before it's too late. My medical expenses have been so high and I know they will only keep accumulating. My family says I am worth every penny. My daughter Tami has set up a non-profit organization called The FixItWithLove Foundation. You can find out more by visiting FixItWithLove.com or call Tami Johnson at (803) 261-2055. Or donations can be mailed in to P.O. Box 183 Swansea, SC 29160... Just in case God touches you and you want to help me in my fight for life. I am 2 young 2 die.

Thank You ~Kathy

A single dollar from 200,000 people will save my life. Please spread the word...as fast as you can. Every bit makes a difference.
This page was written by Tami Johnson on behalf of her mother who is currently unable to reach out on her own.

We only have a matter of days, maybe weeks to save my mother's life!!! Please help.

September 29, 2008

Dear Representative Wilson,

My name is Kathy Bonner. I am contacting you regarding a matter of life and death.

At this point, your assistance may be the only way I am able to acquire the Medicare/Medicaid coverage necessary for the liver transplant that will save my life.

Please find in this fax letters from Dr. George A. Jenkins M.D., Dr. Abmozlak, and Dr. Morrison explaining my condition and the need for urgent action.

Any assistance that you may offer to help expedite approval of my applications, individually or collectively, is greatly appreciated and may save my life.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bonner

Kathy Bonner
1829 W. E. Jeffcoat Road
Swasee, SC 29160

Cell 803-719-0157
Cell 803-920-2318 (Father)

cc. Gov. Mark Sanford	fax 803-734-5167
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cc. Rep. Henry Brown	fax 202-225-3407
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September 8, 2008

BENJAMIN D. MASSEY, M.D.
GEORGE A. JENKINS, III, M.
SPENCER J. JENKINS, M.D.


Re: Kathy Bommer

#6945

To Whom It May Concern:

Mrs. Kathy Bommer has advanced/end-stage liver disease related to hepatitis C virus infection. She medically is in need of a liver transplant evaluation, given the severity of her severe/end-stage nature of her liver disease. She is desperately in need of insurance coverage so that she can be seen at a liver transplant facility. Please process her appeal as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


George A. Jenkins III, MD
GAJ/rjh

Cc: Jeremy Ambroziak, MD

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*Kathy Bonner - Liver Insurance***PROVIDENCE FAMILY PRACTICE CENTER**2750 LAUREL STREET
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COLUMBIA, SC 29204TELEPHONE: (803) 254-5171
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THEODORE W. LAW, IV, M.D.
JEREMY AMBROZIAK, M.D.
S.R. SHANNON, M.D.**MEMORANDUM**

TO: To Whom it May Concern

FROM: Jeremy Ambroziak, M.D.

RE: Kathy Bonner

DATE: 09/09/08

Dear Medicaid Representative,

Ms. Kathy Bonner has been my patient for the past seven years. The patient has had hepatitis C infection with subsequent development of liver failure. The patient also has bipolar disorder, anxiety and diabetes. The patient has been unable to work for the past five years. The patient has complications of her cirrhosis with resulting encephalopathy. The patient is unable to obtain any insurance coverage because of her pre-existing conditions. She is completely disabled because of her medical condition as well. The patient will require liver transplantation and without Medicaid she will be unable to obtain any help which will result in her death. Please allow the patient to obtain Medicaid insurance.



Jeremy Ambroziak, M.D.
OT-0180-00



State of South Carolina
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Director

November 10, 2008

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Kathy B. Bonner concerning her healthcare needs and Medicaid eligibility.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Bonner's authorized representative regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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Joe # 0009