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MEDICAL SERVICES
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Dear Director Bowling:

(in. via)

The following is lengthy but your attention and response will be appreciated.

As a long time resident of Greenville County, S.C. and a retired senior citizen, I wish to express to you my dissatisfaction with a recent encounter here at a government funded medical facility for those who do not and cannot afford health care insurance.

My son was recently sent home from a job in New Orleans that he had been on for less than three weeks. He began hemorrhaging from a problem just below his colon. He was also suffering from a sinus infection and chest congestion.

Because of no health insurance coverage, I took him to a local clinic that treats those who cannot afford insurance or those on the poverty level. The regular fee is \$20.00 for a doctors visit and lab fees. After test results, he was given an appointment to see the doctor. The receptionist told him that he had to present three check stubs before the doctor would see him or he must pay \$65. He could not present three check stubs because he had not been on the job long enough and certainly did not have \$65. I protested on the basis of them giving care freely to thousands of legal or illegal ethnic groups and we who have spent our entire life working have to pay for anything related to health care. I paid the \$65 and we were seated in an examination room. The doctor did not acknowledge my presence. I suppose he heard or was told of my protest (of which I was justified) and this is inexcusable behavior by a doctor of which the taxpayers are paying his salary.

This is not the first you have heard of such situations but it is the first you have heard from me. I have the reputation of patience, understanding and going the extra mile. I stay well informed of what is happening in America and the world. I love America and appreciate what you elected officials are doing, but if we do not change directions, there is little hope for the future of the elderly and our grandchildren.

In health care, plan "D" prescription drug plan has little to offer. The pharmaceutical industry, the insurance providers and pharmacies are reaping the benefits. Drug prices have escalated and I should know because the poor health of my wife and I has provided indepth experience. The "out of pocket" \$2,250 is misleading because that includes what the insurance provider pays to the pharmacist. By August of 2006, my wife, who has one of the worst cases of diabetes, reached the "donut" hole. Those who made the decision on plan "D" did not understand what they were doing. The entire medical industry including the pharmaceutical industry, hospital costs, exorbitant charges by doctors – all setting charges to benefit their own pocket books have a free hand at doing whatever suits their appetites. We who are caught in the middle are in poverty income level after paying extreme costs for healthcare to those who are infested

with greed. I am thankful for medicare but beyond that, the exorbitant costs of supplemental insurance, part "B" increases, plan "D" premiums, deductibles and outrageous drug prices reduces my income to insufficient level. The so-called "Advantage plans" benefit only the providers and their networks. My doctors will not accept any part of it and our health conditions are too serious to make any physician changes. The "advantage" is for the carriers.

Now, back to the subject of illegal aliens. I have compassion for all people of all ethnic groups but we who have paid our way for the benefits of living in this great nation do not deserve discrimination such as my son and millions of others receive. My wife stood in line at Walmart with a small amount of food items that she economically chose, while an ethnic lady in front of her had an abundantly overloaded cart with the best grade of items in the store. She presented a form to the cashier after the large quantity of items was totaled – paperwork was accepted and the lady went on her way. My wife inquired of the cashier about the transaction and learned that the items were free to the lady and that the same applied to drug purchases. **ALL PAID BY OUR TAXES.**

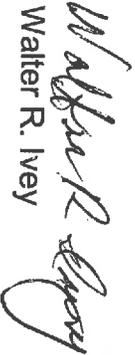
Something can and must be done about the illegal aliens. Allow them the benefits of a given state for a determined number of years – **after legal entrance** to that state. They should prove themselves worthy before being given United States citizenship. Make closing the borders a reality. Grant amnesty to the border patrols who were imprisoned for doing their jobs. We are being infiltrated by the enemy who will destroy us. I am up-to-date on the current immigration bill in process in Washington.

Regarding my sons dilemma, he was diagnosed with emphysema, an abnormal problem in the lower bowel area, sinus infection, high blood and suffers from serious back injuries. I have accompanied him on numerous job applications but all efforts nil. After being laid off from General Electric approximately 3+ years ago, he has not been able to get a job. He was included in the G.E. call back but failed the physical exam due to his health problems.

The preceding is an example of what is happening here in America - where many people are striving to survive. My family consists of a large number of voters and we proudly participate. That being said – **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ABOUT THIS ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND MEDICAL COSTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.**

I was privileged to visit several foreign countries on special assignments by my employer of 35 years to negotiate and solve problems. I think this says something about my ability to understand and have a say on all of my preceding concerns. Our elected government should be doing something to correct all of these problems and I expect all of you to do your job regarding these matters.

Most sincerely,


Walter R. Ivey

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Susan B. Bowling
Acting Director

July 10, 2007

Mr. Walter R. Ivey
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Dear Mr. Ivey:

Thank you for your letter detailing the difficulties that you and your family have recently experienced in obtaining affordable medical care. We appreciate your taking the time to contact us. Most of the areas of concern in your letter are not under the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). The South Carolina Medicaid program is one of the programs for which SCDHHS has oversight. If you have questions regarding Medicaid eligibility for your son, please contact Mark Orf in our Columbia Office at 803-898-2635.

We appreciate your input on the many topics covered in your letter. I trust you will find this information helpful, and it is my hope that your son's health needs are adequately addressed.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Acting Director

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