

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Ries</i>	DATE <i>10/23/06</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000322</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>10/27/06</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Ref. Log # 298</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
<i>Cleared 10/24/06, e-mail attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
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Ref. Log # 298

BILL COTTY

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House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

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October 20, 2006

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OCT 23 2006

Mr. Robert M. Kerr, Director
S.C. Dept. of Health & Human Services
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, South

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Re: Charlotte McDonald, 248-37-9360, MCD ID#33361982701
407 Oakview Drive, Lugoff, South Carolina 29078

Dear Ms. McDonald:

My above-named constituent sets out in her attached letter her problems in getting and maintaining Medicaid coverage for herself. Apparently the only income she and her daughter have is the child's Social Security dependent allowance of \$545.00 a month.

Mrs. McDonald also explains that she recently was diagnosed with Syncope, and that as a result she is subject to passing out at any time. I realize that she could reapply for Social Security Disability benefits if her physician will certify that she is totally, permanently disabled from any gainful employment.

I would greatly appreciate your staff reviewing her case to see if any mistake has been made or if there is anything else that can be done to qualify her for Medicaid now. If additional information about her health, prescriptions or such is needed, just let my assistant, Karen Martin, or me know. Thanks for all you and H&HS are doing for our citizens. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


BILL COTTY

803-438-1952

MS. CHARLOTTE McDONALD
402 DAKVIEW DRIVE
LUGOFF, SOUTH CAROLINA 29078
SSN: 248-37-9360 MCD ID# 3361982701

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

The Honorable William F. Coty
South Carolina House of Representatives
522 D Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative Coty:

My name is Charlotte McDonald. I am a constituent from Lugoff, South Carolina. My husband and myself were divorced for approximately six (6) years prior to his death. My daughter receives a government check from her deceased father for \$545.00 per month. This is the only income being received in our household. Back in 1999, I was working until severe back problems forced me to discontinue. A neurologist suggested that I file for disability due to disc problems in my back. I was denied. My daughter and myself have been on Medicaid. The state will allow my daughter to continue her coverage, however, due to minimal increases in the check she receives, coverage for me gets terminated. Sometimes it gets reinstated when a serious health issue arises. This has happened several times. Recently I have been diagnosed with Syncope, which is passing out at any time without any indication. At this time I am presently without my Medicaid which stopped at the beginning of this month. And as I stated above, this is due to the small increase our household monthly check has been given. Because of the severity of the Syncope, I must continuously take very expensive medication. Without the coverage of my Medicaid, I will not be able to purchase my medication that I really need.

Representative Coty, we've been told that you may be able to help with this problem. Senator Strom Thurmond was a champion in the cause for his constituents with problems of this nature. He was always helping people like myself with medical issues. My household receives \$5.00 too much from the Federal Government, therefore, our State Government is discontinuing my coverage on Medicaid. The money our household receives is definitely not enough to maintain our home life and pay for my much needed medication. I can't work due to the passing out, yet Medicare does not consider this to be a disability. I am caught in a catch 22. Please intercede on my behalf with my Medicaid. I really need to continue to receive my Medicaid. It is a matter of life or death. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Charlotte McDonald
Charlotte McDonald

COPY

From: Denise Epps
To: Jan Polatty
Date: 10/24/2006 12:57:52 PM
Subject: log # 0322 - rep. cotty - mcdonald

 # 322
to close

this has been handled & can be closed as of today.

i spoke with karen wright in rep. cotty's ofc & let her know that we have already addressed ms. mcdonald's concerns as sen. lindsey graham had already contacted us on her behalf.

JK!


i let rep. cotty's ofc know that ms. mcdonald is pleased. karen said no written response necessary.
denise

CC: Bryan Kost; Jennifer Dabbs; Jill Ann Marchese; Mark Orf; Robert G Liming; Valerie Hollis

(also, Kelly Kost 298)

LEGISLATIVE LOG #	0322	
LEGISLATOR/INQUIRER	Bill Cotty	
CONSTITUENT	Charlotte McDonald	
SSN	248-37-9360	
BC ASSIGNED LOG	Jacobs	
DATE REC'D BY AGENCY	10/23/2006	LOG LETTER DUE DATE 10/27/2006
DATE DRAFT DUE GR	10/26/2006	DATE REFERRED TO BC 10/24/2006

Brief Description of Issue/Problem	Date	Staff Person	Phone #	Action Taken
	10/24/2006	Jill	8-3936	Gave folder to Jenny to distribute (9:15am)
	10/24/2006	Jenny	8-3965	To Denise
	10/24/2006	Denise	8-2505	I called Karen Wright in Rep. Cotty's ofc & let her know that Ms. McDonald's Medicaid concerns had been addressed, & she is pleased. Karen said there was no need to send anything in writing -- the inquiry has been handled by phone. CLOSED (Also see Log # 0298.)

CHECKLIST

Family Size	
Income/Resources	
Other Resources:	
Communicare	
FQHCs	
Free Medical Clinics	
Medicare	
MIAP	
Prescription Drug Programs	
Social Security	
Together Rx	

Programs:

ABD	(32)	
Foster Children	(31,60)	
General Hospital	(14)	
HCBS	(15)	
LIF	(59)	
MBCCP	(71)	
Nursing Home	(10)	
OSS	(85,86)	
PHC	(88)	
Pregnant Women & Infants	(12,87)	
QMB	(90)	
SILVERxCARD	(92)	
SLMB	(48,52)	
SSI	(80)	
TEFRA	(57)	
Transitional	(11)	
Working Disabled	(40)	

Instructions:

Jan creates new worksheet for each log by copying template into workbook & changing name of worksheet to proper log #.
 Each user finds log # on bottom tab & enters "date/action taken" in shaded cells. (Once entered, user must exit document.)
 If question about current status of a log letter, contact previous user.
 Jan & Linda will update upon each log's return and, as a log is closed, they will cut and paste each worksheet into the archive file.
 Path: GROUPS/Constituent Services/Log Letters & Transmittals/Aides for Creating-Tracking/Trackers-Tools/Excel Log Tracker