


**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  	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

*Ref. Log # 298*  
*Cleared 10/24/06, e-mail attached.*

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

**BILL COTTY**

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*State of South Carolina*

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**Committee:**  
Ways & Means

October 20, 2006

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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#3361982701  
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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Cotty".  
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. Coby  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
522 D Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative Coby:


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 Coby, 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

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**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.

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

 JPK

denise

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

(also, let logs 298)



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

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## CHECKLIST

Family Size	Income/Resources
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**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)
HCBWS	(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