


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

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Singletta</i>	DATE <i>10-7-08</i>
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>		<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	
1. LOC NUMBER  <i>000195</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>Cc: Stenland</i> <i>Cleared 10/21/08, letter</i> <i>attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I FOIA DATE DUE <i>10-21-08</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I Necessary Action		

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October 6, 2008

Richard Hepfer, Esq.  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
PO Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

RE: Contracts with Vocational Rehabilitation and DDSN

Dear Rick:

Pursuant to FOIA, I am requesting copies of your agency's contract with Vocational Rehabilitation to perform Medicaid eligibility determinations. It is my understanding that these determinations are performed through their Disability Determination Services Office. If this is not correct, please so advise. Also, please advise if you have a separate contract with DDSN to perform disability determinations for those people who have mental retardation, related disabilities and head/spinal cord injuries. If so, please provide me with a copy of that contract too. I have the MR/RD and HASCI waiver contracts, but if you have a contract specifically delegating DDSN to perform Medicaid eligibility determinations, I would like to obtain a copy of that contract.

It is my understanding that the federal government reimburses a portion of these costs. Is there a separate contract or agreement HHS has with the federal government to perform these evaluations? If any of these documents are available electronically, you could just e mail the link. Please give me a call if you have any questions or need clarification about my request. As always, thank you very much for your assistance.

Cordially,



Patricia L. Harrison

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FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received and processed your FOIA request. The cost for processing this information is as follows:

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Please remit the above amount to the following address:

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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8297  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ should you have any questions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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October 21, 2008

Patricia L. Harrison, Esquire  
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Dear Ms. Harrison:

This correspondence is in response to your letter dated October 6, 2008, addressed to Richard Hepfer, Esquire, with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS). In your letter, you request a copy of the contract between SCDHHS and Vocational Rehabilitation to perform Medicaid eligibility determinations, a copy of any contract between SCDHHS and DDSN to perform disability determinations for people with mental retardation, related disabilities, and head/spinal cord injuries, and information on any separate contract or agreement between SCDHHS and the federal government to perform these evaluations.

Please find enclosed a copy of SCDHHS' contract with Vocational Rehabilitation. SCDHHS does not have a separate contract or agreement with DDSN or the federal government to perform the referenced evaluations. This would be encompassed within the MR/RD and HASCI waiver contract, which you indicated you already have.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Nikole D. Haltiwanger*  
Nikole D. Haltiwanger  
Assistant General Counsel

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Enclosure

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Total Amount Due SCDHHS: \$ 6.69

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Please contact Nicole D. Halthwang should you have any questions.

Nicole D. Halthwang Signature Date: 10/21/08