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Dear Mr. Keck,

My Senate District is located in Richland County. The bulk of my constituents live in the Lower Richland area of the county where the incidence of diabetes is very high. With that in mind, I have worked with health care professionals and diabetes advocates in my district to educate and promote the need for early testing of citizens who are overweight and have certain risk factors. Moreover, we believe that a healthy community of people is a win/win situation for all concerned.

Please note that I am writing you because I believe that everyone is entitled to have access to quality healthcare, regardless of where they live or their social and economic status.

Yesterday, a diabetes advocate called and informed me that the South Carolina Medicaid P & T Committee (Committee) will meet on August 3, 2011. It is my understanding that the committee will be reviewing certain drugs to determine which medications will appear on the Preferred Drug List. I was asked by some very concerned citizens to urge you to support a decision that would allow diabetic patients to have access to insulin that best work for them without restrictions. We are concerned about any requirement that would minimize treatment options for patients living with diabetes.

Your attention to this important matter is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Jackson, Sr.".

Darrell Jackson, Sr.

cc: James Assey, Physician Services, DHHS



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Anthony E. Keck, Director
Nikki R. Haley, Governor

August 16, 2011

The Honorable Darrell Jackson, Sr.
South Carolina State Senate, Richland County
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Jackson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the concerns of your constituents and the review of insulin products on the Preferred Drug List.

The South Carolina Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T) met on August 3, 2011, and endorsed the request of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to expand the number of preferred insulin items available to patients without a Prior Authorization (PA). This change, which should go into effect in September, will increase the number of initial treatment options available for diabetic patients and their physicians, and in doing so, ensures that South Carolina's Medicaid beneficiaries have access to the wide array of insulin products currently on the market.

We appreciate your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Ms. Melanie "BZ" Giese, Deputy Director of Medical and Managed Care Services at (803) 898-0176.

Sincerely,

Anthony E. Keck
Director

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