


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

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>12-15-09</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER  <i>900267</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>12-23-09</i>	
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>Cleared 12/21/09, letter attached</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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Alicia Jacobs,

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Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

I am writing to you in hopes that you might be able to help me or at least point me in the right direction in which I can qualify for some type of aid. I applied for Medicaid for me, my three children and one on the way on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and I was denied due to the fact that I have property that is valued well over the \$30,000 limit. One of the houses I live in with my three children the other two I rent out to make up my total income which is well below \$24,000 a year right now due to the fact that one is unrented at this time. Never the less even if it was rented at this time I would only bring in less than \$28,000 a year. My grandmother gave me three houses before she passed so that my kids and I would have something to help take care of us for helping take care of her in her old age. This year I lost one of the houses she gave us because I could not afford it. We live dollar by dollar a day. The one thing that I can't understand is that due to my income even from the extra houses, we qualify for food stamps but not for Medicaid due to the extra houses. But according to what I was told even if I didn't have the extra houses we still would not qualify due to the fact that the house we live in and are still paying on is valued over \$30,000. I would greatly appreciate some help in being able to get some kind of help in paying for doctor visits for my children and my prenatal care and some prescriptions. One of my children has been diagnosed with chronic migraines for about 7 years now and has recently been diagnosed with asthma and panic and anxiety attacks. Another has ADHD and has had it for about 4 years and right now he is off of his medication because I can't afford to pay for them. And my last child has been diagnosed with ADD just this year and he too is off his meds because I can't afford them. And now to add to all this I have just found out that I am pregnant and due in August of 2010 and have no way to pay for my prenatal care or the cost of having this child. I just need so help or at least some guidance on what I can do.

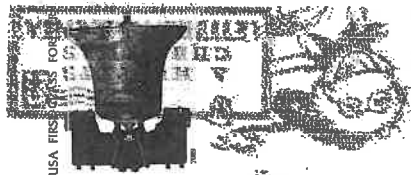
I also read that on February 2009 that President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), which renews and expands coverage of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). And that CHIP is Title XXI of the Social Security Act and is a state and federal partnership that targets uninsured children and pregnant women in families with incomes too high to qualify for most state Medicaid programs, but often too low to afford private coverage. And in addition to renewing the CHIP program, the new legislation makes it easier for certain groups to access CHIP health care, including uninsured children from families with higher incomes and uninsured low-income pregnant women. I believe that my children and I fall into this category. My children and I need some kind of health coverage I have looked at varies companies to see about getting health coverage on my own for me and my children but all the quotes I have received I cant afford them and pay my bills without losing everything we have including our home. All I need right now is some kind of help or at least some information on what I can do. It would be greatly accepted and appreciated.

Sincere Thanks,

Marianne K. Moates

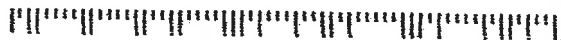
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South Carolina Department of  
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December 21, 2009

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Emma Forkner • Director  
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Ms. Marianne Moates  
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Dear Ms. Moates:

Thank you for writing our agency regarding your Medicaid eligibility and healthcare needs.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services administers Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP is Title XXI of the Social Security Act and offers coverage for uninsured children whose family income is above Medicaid guidelines but below 200% of the federal poverty level. Medicaid and CHIP policy allows the homestead property to be excluded as a resource; however, other properties owned must be counted. Your recent applications were denied because your resources are over the allowable limit of \$30,000; therefore, you or your children do not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP coverage at this time.

Your letter mentions that you currently qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The SC Department of Social Services administers SNAP, formerly know as the Food Stamp program. Eligibility requirements for SNAP are different than eligibility requirements for Medicaid and CHIP.

An alternate health insurance option through Augeo Benefits offers a variety of health insurance plans from top-rated insurance carriers. You may wish to look over the enclosed brochure and contact them at 1-866-273-5613 or visit their website at [www.augeobenefits.com/sc](http://www.augeobenefits.com/sc) to see if they can assist your family. We have also enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare needs, prescriptions and inpatient hospitalization.

If you have questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Sheila Chavis in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2707. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

  
Alicia Jacobs  
Deputy Director

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Enclosures