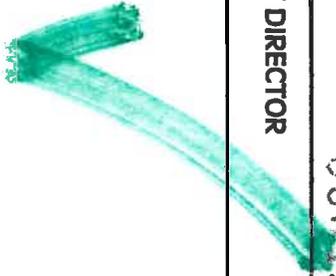


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From: Angela Turner <ahturner@greenville.k12.sc.us>
To: <info@scdhs.gov>
Date: 2/4/2009 3:32 pm
Subject: South Carolina Cuts Negatively Impact Dialysis Patients

Feb 4, 2009

Melanie Giese
SC

Dear Giese,

I am concerned about the cuts to Medicaid and the end of reimbursement for vitamins.

As the daughter of a dialysis patient I must make sure that my father eats a diet that is high in protein, low in sodium, calcium, phosphorus as well as other limitations. It is often very difficult for me to find and afford to feed him the foods he needs to be healthy. Since he must receive dialysis three times a week eight hours per treatment, having vitamins provided to him at the dialysis facility free of charge has made it possible for him to feel better and achieve improved lab results. Without proper nutritional supplements I fear he will get sicker and have a hard time reaching his nutrition goals. It is also important to me that he and fellow dialysis patients have access to the best quality of care. Cuts to Medicaid reimbursement could result in his health care team leaving to find better paying jobs and less investment in clinical and technology improvements needed to improve his health and quality of life.

While I understand tough economic times call for cuts, I hope you will reconsider your decision to reduce my access to quality health care.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Turner
739 Richbourg Rd
Greenville, SC 29615-1968

From: Info Info
To: Kost, Bryan
Date: 2/4/2009 3:32 pm
Subject: Fwd: South Carolina Cuts Negatively Impact Dialysis Patients (Forward from Info ID)

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From: Bryan Kost
To: Melanie Giese
Date: 2/4/2009 3:38 pm
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From: Melanie Glese
To: Nancy Rabert
Date: 2/4/2009 3:48 pm
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CC: Brenda James
I can call her or do we need to log? And no, I didn't get this, but Bryan did.

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