


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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S. C. SENATE
SENATE CLERK
FAX # (803) 212-6299

DATE: July 15, 2009

TO: Mr. Bryan Kost

FROM: Senator Ray Cleary

FAX NUMBER: 803 - 255 - 8235

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July 8, 2009

the Honorable Ray Cleary, Senator
South Carolina Legislature
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Senator Cleary:

I am a social worker at Georgetown Memorial Hospital, working to find placement for a 77 year old male veteran, who has been in our hospital since Dec. 21, 2008. With his agreement, I am writing to ask if you might be of some help to him, in that he would like to be admitted to Veterans' Victory Home in Walterboro. As you know, this is one of three facilities established by the state for care of veterans. Mr. William Graham applied on April 8, 2009; was assessed by the gatekeeper agency, which happens to be Dept. of Mental Health, and found appropriate for admission to the Walterboro facility. However, they have a waiting list and they emphasize that the waiting time is nearly endless.

In a parallel effort, we have worked on an application for Medicaid for this gentleman. He receives a military pension and social security, giving him insufficient funds for private pay in a long-term care nursing facility, but more funds than would qualify him for Medicaid. He has set up a Medicaid income trust, and we continue to work with the state Medicaid office, hoping for a positive outcome on this Medicaid application which we started on Feb. 23, 2009.

Mr. Graham is a very pleasant gentleman, who is a native of Conway. He is divorced and has been estranged from his grown children, who live out of state, for many years. He has one close friend, who also has his power of attorney, and who has been extremely helpful. Mr. Herbert Inman resides in Conway and is also a veteran. Mr. Graham served in the Navy for twenty years, had an honorable discharge, receives a pension from the Dept. of Defense.

Mr. Graham is not ambulatory; and, confined to an acute care hospital setting for many months, has lacked the stimulation and motivation which would be found in a skilled nursing facility.

I am writing to ask you if you might be able to advocate for Mr. Graham with the Walterboro Veterans' Victory Home. He does not need Medicaid in order to be in that facility. He does have Medicare and Tricare for Life and V.A. health benefits. As Mr. Graham has early dementia, and as his friend is also elderly, it has been a challenge to gather all the information required for the Medicaid application. Much of what is needed depends on the memory and record keeping of the applicant.

Mr. Graham, Mr. Inman and I will be grateful for any assistance you may be able to give.

Yours truly,

James B. Edwards
James B. Edwards, LISW-CP
843-520-8296

William A. Graham
SOC SEC #231 36 5644
dob: 05/03/1932

Veterans' Victory Home
Sarah Kitchman BSN Program Administrator for Contract Facilities
DMH Division of Long Term Nursing Care
803-737-5441

MEDHMS59 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 07/15/09
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BUDGET GROUP PERIOD START: 02/23/09 END: PAGE: 1
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BGN: 10522156 PCAT: MAONH SPN: 2600 HORRY Cty Ellg ACT TYPE: MAINTENANCE
BG: PENDING WKR: JDUVA JAMES DUVAL ACT DATE: 02/25/09

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Director

July 28, 2009

Ms. Agnes Edwards, LISW-CP
C/O Georgetown Memorial Hospital
Case Management Department
606 Black River Road
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Dear Ms. Edwards:

Senator Raymond Cleary asked our agency to assist you with your questions regarding his Medicaid eligibility.

Mr. Graham applied for Medicaid coverage through our Nursing Home program on February 23, 2009. His eligibility worker, Mr. Jim Duval, is currently reviewing the application to determine if Mr. Graham meets the financial and categorical requirements to qualify for coverage. We will process his application as quickly as possible, and notify you once an eligibility decision has been made. If you have any questions regarding this application process, please contact Mr. Duval at (803) 898-2635.

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

Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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July 28, 2009

The Honorable Raymond Cleary
Member, South Carolina Senate
District No. 34 -- Charleston, Georgetown and Horry Counties
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Cleary:

Thank you for referring Ms. Agnes Edwards to our agency with her concerns about Medicaid coverage for Mr. William Graham.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Edwards, and we were pleased to address her questions regarding the Medicaid program. She was also given contact information for the eligibility worker in our Central Institutional Unit if she has additional concerns or questions.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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