


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>8-7-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000078</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>8-14-08</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Fokner</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1. <i>Clean 8/30/08</i> <i>Other attached.</i>			
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Fax Transmittal Sheet

TO: Emma Forkner

FROM: Sara Snell

DATE: 8-7-08

COMMENTS: Please see the attached.
Thank you!

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UNITED STATES SENATE

August 7, 2008

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

RE: Beth Guarnieri
2110 Vireo Drive
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 510-0024

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, Beth Guarnieri, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Mrs. Guarnieri.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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Subject: Senator Lindsey Graham

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<LAST>guarnieri</LAST>
<ADDR1>2110 virgo dr.</ADDR1>
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<CITY>north augusta</CITY>
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<>yes, i would like a written response.</>
<MSG> i live in north augusta sc. i work in augusta, ga. im 47 yrs old. i applied for medicaid 6.23.08 approx. in sc for help w/2 surgeries. 1-i was bleeding and passing blood clots for 4 months. life threatening.(i cant afford insurance). 2-i have 3 nodules on my left thyroid that is life threatening. i choke frequently & have lost 40 lbs due to fear of choking.
last friday at work in ga., i passed out & was rushed by ambulance to doctors hospital. i had only 6 pints of blood in me. normal im told is 12-14 pints.
i made several pleading phone calls to my assigned case worker verna johnson just days prior to this incident, they went unanswered. i could have bled out & died. i wonder just how many people have died waiting for a response? isnt our government supposed to help hard working tax paying people who need help? not a hand out & not for generation after generation?
why am i being ignored by this caseworker? and medicade?
because i live in sc. i cant get medicade coverage in ga? i work & pay taxes in both states!! this surgeon that did the biopsies & will do the surgery is in ga.
why is there no uniform plan in place for EVERYONE [even ones like me-legal american citizen's w/o children]? i HAVE to have a radical hysterectomy to remove the CERVICAL CANCER that i have. is there anything you can do to help make medicade the same in every state? can you direct me to someone or an organization who can help w/this?
my hysterectomy has to be done before it spreads. my surgeon wants to do it in 2 weeks. i hope i dont die from the 2 life threatening surgeries before any help you can get help. im not being dramatic, just sincere and worried and scared!
i would appreciate any help you may be able to give me & the people.
because i was incoherent, semi-conscious, the ambulance took me to a ga. hospital. now i no; only have to worry about finding out i have cancer. i have to worry about not getting any financial help because i live 4 miles from the ga. border!
this does not make sense and im sick about it.
PLEASE HELP.
thank-you for your time,
belh guarnieri
</MSG>
<>please enter your zip code in the format 12345 or 12345-1234.</>
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MEDHMS54 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 08/07/08
MEDSPROD RECIPIENT INFORMATION ACTION:

MEMBER PERIOD START: 06/23/08 END: PAGE: 0001

NAME: GUARNIERI BETH A HH NAME: GUARNIERI BETH A

RCP NUMBER: 3780891193 HH NUMBER: 101271674 ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANC

SSN: 045-56-2147 VC: V APL STATUS: ACTION DATE: 06/30/08

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RACE: 01 SEX: F MARITAL STATUS: M

TPL: N RSP: 0 RELATION: SELF

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PF8->NEXT PF9->HH NOTES PF15->RCP SEARCH PF17->ELD00 PF18->HH MBR BGS

MEDHMS49 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 08/07/08
MEDSPROD HOUSEHOLD BUDGET GROUPS

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HH NUMBER: 101271674 APL STATUS: ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE
ACTION DATE: 06/30/08

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

August 20, 2008

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
United States Senate
530 Johnnie Dodds Boulevard, Suite 202
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Beth Guarnieri regarding Medicaid eligibility and her healthcare needs. Good customer service is extremely important to us, and we regret any difficulty or misunderstandings Ms. Guarnieri experienced during the eligibility determination process.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Mr. Guarnieri to address her questions and concerns regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. We also mailed her information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare needs, prescriptions, inpatient hospitalization and daily living expenses.

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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State of South Carolina
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Director

August 20, 2008

Ms. Beth Guarnieri
2110 Vireo Drive
North Augusta, South Carolina 29841

Dear Ms. Guarnieri:

Senator Lindsey Graham asked our agency to assist with your questions concerning Medicaid eligibility and your healthcare needs. Good customer service is important to us, and I regret any difficulty or misunderstandings you experienced during the eligibility determination process.

Our records indicate you applied for Medicaid under the Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) program on June 23, 2008. Medical consultants are currently reviewing your records, and we have asked them to expedite their disability determination. We will monitor your application's progress and keep you informed. If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Aiken County Medicaid supervisor, Ms. Rebecca Smith, at (803) 642-3690.

We are also reviewing your application to determine if you qualify for Medicaid's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. We cannot make an eligibility decision until we receive your pathology report. Janelle Lee mailed you a letter requesting this information be returned by September 2, 2008. It is very important that you return this information as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding the requested documentation please contact Ms. Lee at (803) 898-2966.

If approved for Medicaid, you may obtain Medicaid covered services in Georgia as long as the provider is within the South Carolina Medical Service Area (SCMSA), which includes areas within 25 miles of the South Carolina state border. To receive services from a provider that falls outside of the SCMSA, prior approval is required. Additionally, the provider must be enrolled in the South Carolina Medicaid program and accept you as a Medicaid patient.

We have enclosed information on other programs that can assist South Carolina residents with their healthcare needs, prescriptions, inpatient hospitalization and daily living expenses. If you have any questions about the Medicaid program please contact Sheila Chavis at (803) 898-2707 or 1-888-549-0820 Ext. 2707 (toll free). We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Acting Deputy Director

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Enclosures

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