

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO	DATE
Wells	8-30-06

<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>		<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>	
1. LOG NUMBER	000239	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature	DATE DUE <u>9-7-06</u>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR		<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature	DATE DUE _____
<i>cc: Bowling</i> <i>MRM per Wells on</i> <i>5/17/07, are attached.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA	DATE DUE _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

	<b>APPROVALS</b> (Only when prepared for director's signature)	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	<b>COMMENT</b>
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Department of Health & Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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August 28, 2006

*Jos. Wells*  
*Wally's Sign.*  
*cc: Berwick*

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Mr. Robert M. Kerr, Director  
South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services  
P. O. Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Kerr:

I want to thank you and your staff for the patience and diligence of working with us on each of the recently approved State Plan Amendments:

SC04-009 - Personal Care Aides and Private Duty Nursing approved June 23, 2006,  
SC05-006 - Children's Therapies and Orientation and Mobility Services approved July 10, 2006,  
SC05-007 - Hospice Payment and Integrated Personal Care Aide approved July 17, 2006,  
SC05-010 - Update DSH Payment Methodology approved June 19, 2006,  
SC05-012 - Medicare Part C Alignment approved June 28, 2006,  
SC05-013 - Eliminate ARM Reimbursement for LTC approved January 24, 2006,  
SC05-015 - Professional Trauma Fund Reimbursement approved July 31, 2006,  
SC06-001 - CRNAs and Anesthesiologists approved July 17, 2006,  
SC06-002 - Personal Needs Allowance Increase approved April 13, 2006,  
SC06-003 - PACE Rates for Part D approved May 30, 2006,  
SC06-004 - Colorectal Cancer Screening approved June 19, 2006.

We are pleased to have them completed as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to advise you of a few additional issues that your agency should address. These include:

- 1.) Continue to submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to revise the remaining children's services as the State agreed to do in 2005. These SPAs are to be separated into the broad coverage categories of:
  - a. Rehabilitative Services (under the Division of Preventive and Ancillary Health Services),
  - b. EPSDT Services (under Physician Services),
  - c. Behavioral Health Services (under the Division of Family Services), and
  - d. Community Based Services (under the Bureau of Long Term Care Services).
- 2.) Submit a revision to the State's equalization of public and private payment rates for non-institutional services by January 1, 2007, as stated in your letter to Mr. Jim Frizzera with CMS dated June 21, 2006.

Mr. Robert M. Kerr

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- 3.) Pursue a change to the State licensure law for audiologists licensed under the S.C. Code Ann. § 40-67-220(2001), Section 40-67-220(B)(1) because the licensed audiologist in South Carolina does not presumptively meet the Federal qualification requirement of 350-hours of practicum required under Section 440.110(c)(3)(ii)(B) of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The change to the Federal Regulation was effective on June 28, 2004.

When your legislature has corrected the State's law, the State Medicaid Agency should submit a State Plan Amendment that revises the current audiology services and limitations for both children and adults to provide more specificity.

We look forward to working with you as these items are addressed and appreciate your continued efforts. If you have any questions concerning these issues, please feel free to call Elaine Elmore at (404) 562-7408.

Sincerely,



Renard L. Murray, D. M.  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

# Executive Correspondence Log

Fiscal Year: 2005 -

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Log Number	Correspondent	Subject	Category
1102 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? CMS-Hugh Webster	State Plan Amend SC-05-001	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 2 MAY 2005 Date Cleared:		Memo: CC: Mills, Saxon
164 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? SC Dept Of Mental Health	Re: Homelessness	General Correspondences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 30 AUG 2006 Date Cleared:		Memo: <i>The Director</i> <i>Mr Wells said NR N no longer there</i>
209 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? CMS-Renard Murray	Re: Recent Approved State Plan Amendments	General Correspondences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 7 SEP 2006 Date Cleared:		Memo: CC: Bowling <i>5/17/07</i> <i>NR N per Mr. Wells</i>
276 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? Lake City Community Hospital	Re: Disproportionate Share & Medicaid Interim	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 5 OCT 2006 Date Cleared:		Memo: CC: Bowling, Mr. Kerr
279 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? CMS-Renard Murray	Complete Review Of State Plan Amend 06-009	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 2 NOV 2006 Date Cleared:		Memo: CC: Mr. Kerr, Singleton
293 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? Georgetown Healthcare & Rehab, Inc	Re: Medicaid Patient Days	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 13 OCT 2006 Date Cleared:		Memo:
572 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response? Lesley Mitchum	Re: Medicaid Not Paying For Behavioral Therapy/Autism	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	<b>Response Data</b> Referred To: Will Logged To: Will Due Date: 19 MAR 2007 Date Cleared:		Memo: CC: Bowling, Singleton