


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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO Ries	DATE 10-6-06
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000297	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE 10-13-06
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaud 11/6/06, letter attached.</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THE SENATE

COLUMBIA

JOHN DRUMMOND

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

October 5, 2006

P. O. BOX 142

COLUMBIA, SC 29202

TELEPHONE : (803) 212-6455

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

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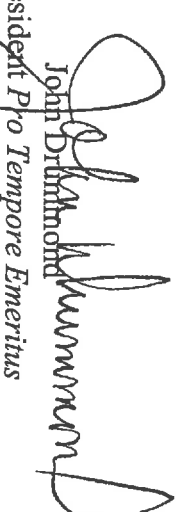
Dear Robbie:

I am writing to you in reference to Vera Tharpe, who is presently at Emerald Gardens in Greenwood. Mrs. Tharpe is an Alzheimer's patient, and I understand that her funds have run out and she desperately needs a medicaid placement in the Greenwood area. Mrs. Tharpe is presently on the waiting list at all the facilities in Greenwood.

Robbie, could you please have a member of your staff look into this request for me? The best contact person would be her daughter, who is Camille Holroyd. Her address is 134 Avondale Road, Greenwood, South Carolina 29646. She can also be reached by telephone at (home) 864-229-6499 or (cell) 864-993-8050.

I certainly appreciate your continued assistance with my many requests, and I am sure Camille would welcome any suggestions, guidance and assistance that you can offer.

Sincerely,


John Drummond
President Pro Tempore Emeritus

JD/klm

cc: Camille Holroyd

AEDHMS54 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 10/06/06
MEDSPROD RECIPIENT INFORMATION ACTION:

MEMBER PERIOD START: 07/20/06 END: PAGE: 0001

NAME: THARPE VERA J HH NAME: THARPE VERA J
RCP NUMBER: 5780623535 HH NUMBER: 101136357 ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE
SSN: 249-32-4231 VC: V APL STATUS: ACTION DATE: 07/20/06
PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL: APL CO: 24 WORKER ID: HDIXO LOCATION: 001
134 AVONDALE RD SSCN: 249324231A RRN:

GREENWOOD RACE: 01 SEX: F MARITAL STATUS: D
CORRECT RCP NUMBER: SC 29649- DOB: 02/09/1928 RELATION: SELF
LIV ARRANGEMENT: NFCL INCOME TRUST:
PROVIDER:

BG	BEG	END	BENEFITS	QMB	RETRO	% OF	POV	CHIP		
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UPDATED: USER ID: HDIXO DATE: 07/20/06 SYSTEM ID: SVE3000 DATE: 07/22/06
ME900063 RECIPIENT RECORD FOUND
PF2->HH BG PF3->HH MBR DTL PF4->REFH PF5->ELD02 PF6->RETURN PF7->PREV
PF8->NEXT PF9->HH NOTES PF15->RCP SEARCH PF17->ELD00 PF18->HH MBR BGS



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Mark Sanford
Governor

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Director

November 6, 2006

Ms. Camille Holroyd
134 Avondale Road
Greenwood, SC 29646

Dear Ms. Holroyd:

Senator John Drummond asked our agency to assist you with questions regarding your mother's Medicaid application and healthcare needs.

Ms. Tharpe applied for Medicaid coverage through our Nursing Home program on July 20, 2006. Her eligibility worker, Ms. Kathi Dixon, has been in contact with you regarding the application process. Ms. Tharpe is currently on the waiting list at the nursing facilities in Greenwood and surrounding counties. As you requested, we have provided you with the contact person for each of the facilities where your mother is on the waiting list.

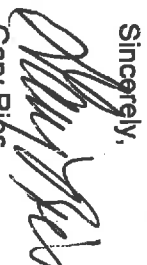
We also provided additional facilities to explore for placement. Medicaid applications are held pending for a limited time, therefore, as you are aware, your mother's Medicaid application will be denied before the end of the month if a bed is not located by this time. It will be important for you to contact Ms. Dixon if a bed becomes available after the denial.

We have enclosed information on Medicare Part D prescription drug programs. Please contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 for more information.

Another healthcare option is a Community Health Center (CHC). These centers provide health care to individuals in their area who lack the financial resources to pay for their services. Their charges for medical services will be based on your mother's income. Your nearest CHC is Carolina Health Centers in Greenwood at (864) 388-0301.

I hope this information is helpful to you and your family. If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid application process, please call Ms. Dixon at (864) 229-5258.

Sincerely,


Gary Ries
Deputy Director

GR/jod
Enclosures

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The Honorable John Drummond
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Dear Senator Drummond:

Thank you for contacting our agency for assistance in locating a Medicaid bed in a nursing facility in the Greenwood area for Ms. Vera Tharpe.

We have been in direct contact with her daughter, Camille Holroyd. We provided Ms. Holroyd with the contact person for each of the facilities in the Greenwood area. Additionally, we have provided information on other facilities for her to consider.

In the meantime, we mailed information on several healthcare programs that may be able to assist with her mother's medical and prescription needs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Kerr", written over the printed name of the Director.

Robert M. Kerr
Director

RMK/rjod
Enclosure



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Also provide address of facilities to report for placement

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The Health Insurance ~~Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)~~ confidentiality requirements preclude us from discussing specific information without the individual's written consent. We have enclosed an Authorization to Disclose Health Information form if you would like more information than we are currently able to provide.

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

Sincerely,

Robert M. Kerr
Director

RMK/rjd
Enclosure

From: Arnetta Harvey
To: Susan Bowling
Date: 10/17/2006 4:17 pm
Subject: follow-up on request concerning Vera Tharpe

CC: Brenda Hyleman; Nicole Mitchell Threatt; Sam ...
 susan,

re: senator drummond forwarded request for assistance finding placement for vera tharpe, alzheimers in emerald gardens greenwood.

I spoke to her daughter, explained our role, not involved in placement, gave her advise about getting on the waiting list, calling back periodically to let them know of her continued interest in placement, etc. I am mailing her a list of facilities across the state so she can expand the search. she is on the waiting list in at least 8 facilities in the upstate.

I called kathy all, schca, to ask if she knew of any openings in alzheimers units, and it happens she did and is checking to see if still open. I gave her the contact info and such so she will contact the daughter tomorrow after she checks on the units she had heard about. they are in the charleston area.

I will let you know how this turns out,

arnetta

hope. It looks to me that Drummond is seeking a placement for this person. Has susan seen this to see if there is something they can do?

Don't know -
 maybe include contact
 about making probably
 etc - i probably
 take out HILPs

Susan - don't release until
 Su Gary's Robby signs.

Note -
 Jk -
 10/17

LEGISLATIVE LOG #	0297
LEGISLATOR/INQUIRER	Senator John Drummond
CONSTITUENT	Vera Tharpe
SSN	249-32-4231
BC ASSIGNED LOG	Jacobs
DATE REC'D BY AGENCY	10/6/2006
DATE DRAFT DUE GR	10/11/2006
LOG LETTER DUE DATE	10/13/2003
DATE REFERRED TO BC	10/6/2006

Brief Description of Issue/Problem	Date	Staff Person	Phone #	Action Taken
	10/6/2006	Jan	8-2502	Jacobs box
	10/9/2006	Jill	8-3936	Brought to Mark to distribute (9:15am)
	10/10/2006	Jenny	8-3965	Emailed worker, case is pending. All requirements have been met except for placement and 30 day cosecutive stay requirement.
	10/10/2006	Jenny	8-3965	Spoke with Ms. Holroyd (daughter, power of attorney). Emerald Gardens is an assisted living facility. She says she just wants to be sure she is still on the waiting lists at the nursing home facilities. She says every time she calls they tell her they will call her back and do not. She said she will call me back when she returns to work and let me know all the NH facilities that she is on the waiting list for. I will then check that she is in fact on these waiting lists. I told her I would also send her info. on prescription help, etc. Called all the facilities to verify that Ms. Tharpe was on the waiting list, got contact person for each facility for Ms. Holroyd.
	10/11/2006	Jenny	8-3965	Spoke with Ms. Holroyd and gave her the contact information for all the nursing facilities. Was not on the waiting list for McCormick NHC, but provided her with the info. on what she needs to do and the fax number to fax in the request.
	10/12/2006	Jenny	8-3965	Folder given to Alicia.

CHECKLIST

Family Size	
Income/Resources	
Other Resources:	
Communicare	
FQHCs	
Free Medical Clinics	
Medicare	
MIAP	
Prescription Drug Programs	
Social Security	
Together Rx	

Programs:

ABD (32)	
Foster Children (31,60)	
General Hospital (14)	
HCBWS (15)	
LIF (59)	
MBCCP (71)	
Nursing Home (10)	
OSS (85,86)	
PHC (88)	
Pregnant Women & Infants (12,87)	
QMB (90)	
SILVERxCARD (92)	
SLMB (48,52)	
SSI (80)	
TEFRA (57)	

10/10/06: Contacted the following facilities as requested by Ms. Holroyd. Spoke with Ms. Holroyd on 10/11/06 and let her know the contact names for each facility.

Magnolia Manor- Spoke with Terri Greer. 88 bed facility. Ms. Tharpe is on the waiting list.

Greenwood NHC- Contact person-Beth Wilburn. She is on the waiting list.

Wesley Commons- Contact Joy Cogan. She is supposed to check and let me know if she is on the waiting list or not.

Clinton NHC- contact Stacy Hill, 2-3 year waiting list. Is not on this waiting list.

McCormick NHC- contact Gail Harper. She is not on the waiting list. They need the demographic sheet from Emerald Gardens. Should be faxed to 864-391-2397.

Saluda NHC- contact Debbie McDaniel. Ms. Tharpe is on the waiting list.

Laurens NHC- contact Wanda Hallman. I left a message for her on 10/10.

Abbeville NHC- contact Missy Purdy. She is on the waiting list.

*Above info. was given to ms. Holroyd during
our phone conversation on 10/11/06.*

EDHMS08 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 10/11/06
MEDSPROD MEDICARE COVERAGE ACTION:

NAME: THARPE VERA J HH NAME: THARPE VERA J
RCP NUMBER: 5780623535 HH NUMBER: 101136357 ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE
SSN: 249-32-4231 APL STATUS:
MCN: 249324231A VALIDATED BY: BENDEX ON: 09/09/2006 ACTION DATE: 07/20/2006

PART A - BEGINNING DATE: 02/01/1993 ENDING DATE: BY: BENDEX

PART B - BEGINNING DATE: 02/01/1993 ENDING DATE: BY: BENDEX

PART C - BEGINNING DATE: ENDING DATE: BY:

PART D - BEGINNING DATE: ENDING DATE: BY:

LOW INC- BEGINNING DATE: ENDING DATE: BY:
SUBSIDY

UPDATED: USER ID: HDIXO DATE: 07/20/06 SYSTEM ID: TTR1004 DATE: 09/12/06
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PF16->BUY IN PF17->BENDEX INFO PF18->MMA01 PF19->COB01 PF21->HIST-

4EDHMS05 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 10/10/06
MEDSPROD AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ACTION:

HH NAME: THARPE VERA J ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE
HH NUMBER: 101136357 APL STATUS: ACTION DATE: 07/20/06

AUTHORIZED REP/RESPONSIBLE PARTY MAILING ADDRESS:
NAME: CAMILLE T HOLROYD

ADDRESS: RELATIONSHIP: C1 CHILD
134 AVONDALE RD

LEGAL RELATIONSHIP:
GREENWOOD SC 29649- COMMITTEE/CONSERVATOR
HOME PHONE: 864-229-6499 GUARDIAN
WORK PHONE: 864-941-5751 X POWER OF ATTORNEY
E-MAIL:

UPDATED: USER ID: HDIXO DATE: 07/20/06 SYSTEM ID: HMS5000 DATE: 07/20/06
ME900049 HOUSEHOLD RECORD FOUND
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PF13->FIELD LEVEL HELP PF21->HIST- PF22->HIST+

4EDHMS49 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 10/09/06
MEDSPROD HOUSEHOLD BUDGET GROUPS

PAGE: 0001

HH NAME: THARPE VERA J ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE
HH NUMBER: 101136357 APL STATUS: ACTION DATE: 07/20/06

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UPDATED: USER ID: HDIXO DATE: 07/20/06 SYSTEM ID: HMS5000 DATE: 07/20/06
ME904675 HOUSEHOLD BUDGET GROUPS FOUND

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PF6->RETURN PF7->PREV PF8->NEXT PF10->PREV MENU PF17->ELD00

From: Kathi Dixon
To: Jennifer Dabbs
Date: 10/9/2006 4:53 PM
Subject: Re: Vera J. Tharpe 101136357

Case is in pending status for nh, look-back completed and is ok. Authorized rep. states has not been able to find placement for her in a medicaid bed. Case will be denied for failure to enter a facility if client isn't placed before the end of the month. All eligibility requirements have been met, EXCEPT for placement and 30 day consecutive stay requirement.

Hope this helps!
Kathi Dixon

>>> Jennifer Dabbs 10/09/06 4:46 PM >>>
Could you please let me know the status of this pending case? We have received an inquiry from the Senate. Thank you for your help!

Jennifer Dabbs
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