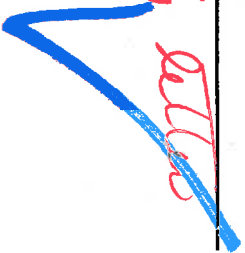


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Sincerely,



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Dear Senator DeMint:

Thank you for your referral of Mrs. Gwenda Grayiel Moore's complaint about Medicaid and Food Stamp fraud. Staff at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has researched her allegations. We have verified that the subject of her complaint was investigated by this agency and that restitution was made. We also referred this complaint to the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS), which has jurisdiction for the Food Stamp program and conducts investigations in that area, and have asked SCDSS to determine if it was handled appropriately.

We have also responded to the complainant, Mrs. Moore, with as much information as we are allowed to provide under the confidentiality provisions of HIPAA.

We truly appreciate all your efforts on behalf of the state of South Carolina and especially the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RMK", followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

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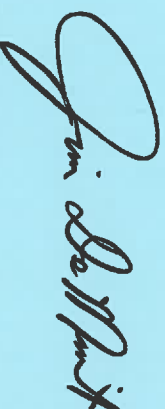
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