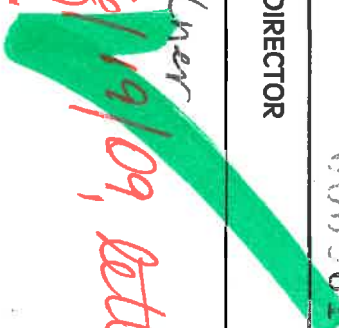


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO  <i>Miles</i>	DATE  <i>5-28-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER  <div style="text-align: center;"><i>101561</i></div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>6-4-09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>cc: Ms. Farlner</i>  <i>Cleared 6/19/09, letter</i>  <i>attached.</i>  </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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May 26, 2009

The Honorable Emma Forkner  
Director  
State Of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Re: Ms. Kathryn E. Ward  
9 Low Hill Ln  
Lexington, SC 29072

Dear Emma,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding an issue involving the State Of South Carolina. Enclosed is correspondence from Ms. Ward further explaining the concerns. Your kind attention in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., Suite 1, West Columbia, South Carolina 29169. The phone number is 803-939-0041. The fax number is 803-939-0078. The e-mail address is [Brad.Leake@Mail.House.Gov](mailto:Brad.Leake@Mail.House.Gov)

Very truly yours,



JOE WILSON  
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# CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON

## Second District of South Carolina

### Privacy Release

#### Consent for Release of Personal Records by Executive Agencies

To Whom It May Concern:

I have sought assistance from the Office of Congressman Joe Wilson on a matter that may require the release of information maintained by your agency, and which may be prohibited from dissemination under the Privacy Act of 1974. I hereby authorize you to release all relevant portions of my records or to discuss information involved in this case with Congressman Wilson or any authorized member of his staff until the matter is resolved.

Name of Agency: Medicaid

Name (please print) Kathryn E. Ward

Date of Birth 10.12.48

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Lexington SC 29012

Address

City

Zip

247.84.0729

Rial Ward @ AOR.com

Social Security Number

E-mail Address

803.361-1716

Telephone Number - Home

Telephone Number - Cell

Signature Kathryn E. Ward

Today's Date

5.21.09

Please briefly explain your concern (use the back if necessary):

I Retired in Jan 2004

After 16 years as a flight attendant with U.S. Air. Eight months later  
they diagnosed all Tuscan breast. For all others. I was  
diagnosed with breast cancer on November 17, 2007. After three  
months of chemo treatments and consultation with my three

Congressman Joe Wilson (SC-02)

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Doctors, Dr Bell, Dr Boesl, and Dr Fendran  
they counsel as the decision to remove both  
breasts as the right decision to prevent recurrence  
of the cancer in the remaining breast. On March  
31, 2009 the surgery was performed by Dr Bell.  
During this <sup>time</sup> ~~interval~~ I was covered by  
Medicaid Cancer benefits and Medicaid covered  
these procedures.

After several months of healing and  
check ups surgery for reconstruction for both  
breasts was scheduled in January 2009 to be  
performed by Dr Fendran. The day before  
the scheduled surgery Dr Fendran's office  
was notified by Medicaid that they would only  
cover for reconstruction of one breast instead  
of both. I was informed that they also  
canceled another patient's surgery also the same  
day for the same reason.

Both Dr Bell and Dr Fendran  
were appalled at this decision and made calls  
to their Senators and Congressmen to protest  
this decision.

I Sincerely Appreciate your concern  
and understanding in this matter and any  
assistance you can help me with will be  
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely  
Anthony E. Warren

4EDHMS54 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 05/28/09  
MEDSPROD RECIPIENT INFORMATION ACTION:

MEMBER PERIOD START: 11/24/08 END: PAGE: 0001

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RCP NUMBER: 7780830739 HH NUMBER: 101239264 ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE  
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PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL: APL CO: 32 WORKER ID: JANEL LOCATION: 055  
9 LOW HILL LANE SSCN: RRN:

LEXINGTON SC 29072-  
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Handwritten initials and a red checkmark.

State of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford  
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Emma Forkner  
Director

June 19, 2009


The Honorable Joe Wilson  
House of Representatives  
Midlands District Office  
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1  
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Representative Wilson:

Thank you for the request to assist your constituent, Ms. Kathryn Ward, with concerns regarding the denial of her surgery. Our Medical Directors, Dr. Marion Burton and Dr. Tan Platt, have reviewed this case and recommended payment for the bilateral reconstruction based on the fact that although only one breast was affected by the cancer, both breasts were removed (Bilateral Mastectomy) for medically necessary reasons. After additional review of our policy for reimbursement of the second unaffected breast, Drs. Burton and Platt have also recommended changes to the coverage criteria for bilateral breast reconstruction when medical evidence supports removal of both breasts due to the high incidence of cancer to the unaffected breast. We will announce the final policy changes and the effective date in an upcoming Medicaid Bulletin.

We have contacted Ms. Ward personally to inform her of the decision to approve reimbursement of her surgery. If we can be of further assistance or if you have any additional questions regarding this policy, please contact Ms. Zenovia Vaughn, Division Director for Hospital Services, at (803) 898-2665.

Sincerely,

  
Emma Forkner  
Director

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