

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Milpas</i>	DATE <i>5-28-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>101561</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>6-4-09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. Falkner Cleared 6/19/09, letter attached.</i>	<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 292202

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

Very truly yours,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON
 Second District of South Carolina
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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

#9 Lowhill Lane Lexington SC 29072

Address Lexington SC 29072 City Zip

247.84.0729 Social Security Number Rial Ward @ AOK.com E-mail Address

903.361-17116 Telephone Number - Cell

Telephone Number - Home 5.21.09 Today's Date

Signature Phyllis E. Ward

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 I know breast. To all others. I was

diagnosed with breast cancer on November 17, 2007. After three

months of chemo treatments and consultation with my three

Doctors, Dr Bell, Dr Boesl, and Dr Fardouris they covered 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 entire ~~time~~ I was covered by Medicare Cancer benefits and Medicare covered these procedures.

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

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

I sincerely appreciate your concerns and understanding in this matter and any assistance you can help me with will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely
Anthony E. Ward

QEDHMS54 P S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DATE: 05/28/09

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

NAME: WARD KATHRYN E HH NAME: WARD KATHRYN E

RCP NUMBER: 7780830739 HH NUMBER: 101239264 ACTION TYPE: MAINTENANCE

SSN: 247-84-0729 VC: V APL STATUS: ACTION DATE: 01/23/08

PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL: APL CO: 32 WORKER ID: JANEL LOCATION: 055

9 LOW HILL LANE SSCN: RRN:

RACE: 01 SEX: F MARITAL STATUS: U

TPL: N RSP: 0 RELATION: SELF

DOB: 10/12/1948 DOD:

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



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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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