

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

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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Gov office w/ # to close. # 802493 Closed 11/17/08 letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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MARK SANFORD
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Post Office Box 12267
COLUMBIA 29211

October 21, 2008

Mr. Stephen Myers
2060 Robinwood Boulevard
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry to hear of the difficulties you have experienced and am asking that someone from the Department of Health and Human Services contact you directly. You should be hearing from that office soon. In the meantime, thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Sanford".

Mark Sanford

MS/dm

cc: The Honorable Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Date: Tue, Oct 14, 2008 5:09 PM
Subject: Budget

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In January I reported Fraud to DHHS. An individual used our home address to receive medicaid approval. They did not reside at our house and in fact they were not even in the state with the effective date the medicaid was approved - 1 January 2008.

They arrived on 8 January 2008 and moved to Virginia on 4 February 2008 then returned on the 7th of April. They did not have a residence in South Carolina, but return because it was easier to get benefits.

I reported this to your office and the information I received from your office is basically you have no control over DHHS. I proved Fraud to DHHS - someone used our house to obtain benefits. That was just the tip of the iceberg. I proved to them they they had other funds available that were not reported on their application and even gave them the routing number and the numerous banks account numbers. But they determined Fraud was not committed.

Maybe that is why there is a problem with the budget. Multiply this attitude over the 150 different agencies and see what you come up with. I could guarantee I could find \$50 million in fraud with DHHS alone. Give me and a team of expert auditors and a team to go out in the filed and investigate and we could find this much waste in a year minimum.

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

November 17, 2008

Mr. Stephen Myers
2060 Robinwood Boulevard
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Dear Mr. Myers:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has received an inquiry from the Office of Governor Sanford on your behalf. This concerns a complaint you made with DHHS in February 2008 concerning allegations that an individual used your home address to commit Medicaid fraud. Please be assured that your complaint was fully investigated and addressed, and that all appropriate action was taken.

I completely understand how frustrating it must be to you, after you have taken the time and effort to report suspected abuse, not to be able to learn of the outcome of our investigation. However, multiple federal and state regulations, including the Code of Federal Regulations, 42CFR 431.300, et seq., the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and the South Carolina Code of Regulations, section 126-170, contain strict requirements about what information we can disclose and what we must do to protect information about applicants and recipients of Medicaid.

If you believe that your home address has been used to commit fraud, you may want to seek the advice of legal counsel.

Again, I can assure you that every complaint is thoroughly investigated, and we appreciate all information that assists us in the stewardship of the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,


Derdra T. Singleton, General Counsel

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cc: Office of the Governor, #802493

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