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Secretary Mike Leavitt
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

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200 Independence Ave. S. W.
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Dear Secretary Leavitt,

I apologize for taking your valuable time. I am a concerned taxpayer that has reported fraud to the state of South Carolina DHHS and I have not received a satisfactory response. First let me pass on a little history on the case. Our house and address was used by an individual to obtain Medicaid and other social programs benefits'. The person in question did not reside in our house and in fact when the Medicaid was approved, they did not even reside in South Carolina. They returned to South Carolina on the 8th of January 2008 from Emporia Virginia and the Medicaid was approved effective 1 January 2008. They were in South Carolina for a little over three weeks and they returned to Emporia Virginia. While in Virginia they applied for benefits again and were approved for these benefits. The person in question then returned to South Carolina in April 2008 and they were again approved by the state of South Carolina for benefits.

I not only informed the Fraud unit and the General Counsel of the South Carolina DHHS of this fact, but the fact the person in question lied on their application for Medicaid. I showed DHHS where the applicant had a joint banking account where they had access to over \$2000.00 per month. How do I know all of this? Because the person in question is my daughter. It was a tough decision to report all of this, but felt it was in the taxpayer's best interest that DHHS knows that the intent to commit fraud or that fraud was committed. I am sure this income was not reported when she was approved for food stamps either.

I have three questions that I would like an answer to:

1. What law states that someone can use our house and address to receive benefits when they do not reside there?
2. What law states that someone can receive benefits when they do not reside in the state? In this case the benefits were approved effective 1 January 2008 and they did not return to the state until the 8th of January 2008 then left again on the 3rd of February 2008.
3. What law states that they do not have to report all of their income to receive government assistance i.e. Medicaid and food stamps? The attached show deposits of \$2402.00, \$2614.13 and \$1950.35.

The final answer from the South Carolina DHHS was if I believe fraud was committed then I may want to seek the advice of legal council. To me it is amazing that a government agency lawyer would tell a taxpayer to retain a lawyer if they felt fraud was committed. This has now become a matter of principal.

Enclosed you will find the samples of the numerous E-mails I sent to the fraud unit and other written correspondence from the South Carolina DHHS. I have also attached copies of the bank accounts of the person in question. I am sure the South Carolina DHHS General Counsel and Fraud Unit can provide you and the Inspector General with all correspondence at your request. The information on the individual in question was provided to me by that individual. At the time she provided me the information she was trying to get even with the person she was cohabitating with on the joint checking account by writing their commander. He is a married active duty Army soldier. In other words – he dumped her.

I know that you are in transition and have better things to do with your time. This is government bureaucracy at its finest! There are millions of deserving people that your agency services that are hard working taxpayers. The roll of eligibles will continue to grow as the economy worsens. I know that this is not a million dollar fraud, but anyone who commits fraudulent actions should be punished. Someone needs to protect the taxpayer's dollars!

This is what I spent 22 years in the Air Force protecting our country for? To be told that I have no protection and that the criminal is protected! I continue to defend this country as a Department of State employee fighting the war on terrorism. Request your staff acknowledge receipt of this package via return E-mail at MyersSD@state.gov.

Again, I apologize about taking up your valuable time as you are transitioning, but I feel this matter and the response provided by the South Carolina DHHS needs to be investigated. Thank you in advance.



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