

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

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1. LOG NUMBER <i>100455</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
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JOE WILSON
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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Mrs. Jason C. Rogers

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding a health insurance issue. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Your kind attention in this matter would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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Consent for Release of Personal Records by Executive Agencies

Name of Agency: _____

To Whom It May Concern:

I have sought assistance from 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.

Jason A. Rogers 04-17-1983

Name of Claimant- (Please Print)

Date of Birth

104 Howard St Lexington SC 29073

Address of Claimant

City

Zip

180-664-0939

Social Security Number

VA Claim # of OPM # (if applicable)

803-740-8021

Telephone Number- Home

803-446-7858

Telephone Number- Work

[Signature] _____

Signature of Claimant

1-23-09

Today's Date

Please briefly explain your concern: I wrote a letter explaining our situation. We need help with health insurance/ medical bills.

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Dear Senator Wilson,

I am writing this letter with a heavy heart and out of sheer desperation. My husband was somewhat diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis in May of this year. He has been back and forth to the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at MUSC in Charleston several times a month. He has been in and out of the emergency rooms and doctor's offices numerous times, almost weekly since his diagnosis. He had two sweat tests, one at 48 and one at 50 and they say this is borderline, but that he has all the classic symptoms of the disease. They need the full genetic blood panel to get a 100% diagnosis for the government and to continue his treatment with the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic and for him to be made eligible to receive the assistance with medications. His case is a little rare since he is part Thai and part American and because of this he needs the full testing. The blood test is \$3,000. I spoke with someone at Ambray Genetics, which is the company that administers the test and they agreed to go down to \$500, but even that is ridiculously hard to come by at the present time with our financial situation. This disease is a terminal one. There is no cure and the medicines are just to treat the symptoms and make things less painful. They are doing research all the time and coming closer, but nothing yet. A lung transplant or liver transplant will be in our very foreseeable future and you have to come up with \$86,000 before you can even be put on a waiting list!!

We have only been married 14th months and this has really hit us hard. I am self-employed as a Dance Studio owner in Lexington, Forever Dance, and it's just in it's 3rd year, so it's not making much profit. The business has more overhead than I expected and I'm not clearing that much money. Jason, my husband, has been out of work since February of this year due to how severe his symptoms were. This has been such a hardship and is very frightening to me to have to see this man that I love more than anything, except for my Lord, die before my eyes. We don't have Health Insurance and now can't get any except pretty high premiums and 6 month to 2 year waiting periods for pre-existing conditions. We are racking up thousands in medical bills from doctor's visits, tests, and emergency room visits. He has already had a "near death" experience in the dentist's office while having a tooth pulled! I have called everyone I can call for help with Health Insurance and medication and we can't get Medicaid because I don't meet the poverty level!!!! So this leaves us.....? We are trying to get assistance with medications from different agencies, but have to fill out all kinds of paperwork and wait a month or two for it to process. Then it will be another 3 weeks before we receive the medication. If Jason goes without his medication for 3 months, he will die!!!! He's already been without medication for 1 month now. This is a sad reality and heartbreaking because there's nothing I can do about it.

I have contacted your office but have heard nothing back from you, except that South Carolina has a Health Insurance Risk Pool that will insure the uninsurable but the premium is \$317/month with a \$1500 deductible and a 6 month Pre-Existing Condition waiting period. We can't afford to wait 6 months for him to be treated. He needs to see a Gastroenterologist to have an Endoscopy done because he has been throwing up a lot of blood but they won't even schedule this until we have like thousands to put down.

My faith in God is very strong and I know he has a reason and a purpose for everything, even though I may not understand it. I'm at my wit's end about this situation and have searched above and beyond trying to figure out how to get through this and to keep him alive. I'm truly desperate and feel that contacting you is a last resort. I know

you are extremely busy and have a lot to handle, but if there's anything you can do at all to help us, I would be forever grateful.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter!

Sincerely,
Melissa Rogers



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

Log# 0455 ✓

February 26, 2009

Mr. Jason C. Rogers
104 Howard Street
Lexington, South Carolina 29073

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Congressman Wilson asked our agency to assist you with your questions concerning Medicaid eligibility and your healthcare needs. We were unable to reach you by phone.

Our records do not indicate that you have applied for Medicaid assistance. We have enclosed an overview of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If you choose to apply, please visit our Lexington County Medicaid Office at 605 West Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072. Their telephone number is (803) 785-2991 or (803) 785-2975.

Also, we have enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare needs, prescriptions and inpatient hospitalization. If you have any questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Sheila Chavis at (803) 898-2707. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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Enclosures



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

February 27, 2009

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

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for referring Mr. Jason C. Rogers to our agency regarding Medicaid eligibility and his healthcare needs. A member of my staff tried to reach Mr. and Mrs. Rogers but was unable to reach them by telephone.

We mailed them a letter regarding Medicaid eligibility requirements and information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare needs, prescriptions, and inpatient hospitalization. We also provided Mr. and Mrs. Rogers with a contact in our office, as well as the contact information to our Lexington county office if we may be of assistance regarding the Medicaid program.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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