

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Waldrip</i>	DATE <i>2-28-12</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>101342</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>3-8-12</i> <input type="checkbox"/> I FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I Necessary Action
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Lynch</i> <i>* Also cc Gov office with this # 2041024 in response</i>			

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1. <i>Cleared 3/23/12, letter attached.</i>			
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nhccorrespondence,

From: Office of the Governor Site Support <fredearl@truvista.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 2:38 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: Medicaid

Title: Mr
First Name: Fred
Middle Initial:
Last Name: Earl
Suffix:
Street Address: 3253 Ross Dye Rd
Street Address 2:
City: Great Falls
State: SC
Zip: 29055
Phone: 803-482-2825

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9 answered _____

Email: fredearl@truvista.net

Affiliation: Senior Citizen
Message:
Dear Governor Haley:

My 85 year old mother was admitted to the hospital 2-15-12. She now needs to go to a skilled nursing home. I was told that you signed a law limiting the number of medicaid beds they could use. They have empty beds but cannot use them for medicaid. There is a waiting list of 55 people.

What exactly are people supposed to do? She worked in a cotten mill all of her life and has no money. That is why she is on medicaid. The family cannot afford private pay.

Did you give any thought to the elderly when you signed this into law?

I would be very interested to hear from you about this.

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Brenda James - Ref Log 342

From: Teeshla Curtis <CURTIST@scdhhs.gov>
To: Brenda James <JAMESBR@scdhhs.gov>, Jennifer Lynch <LYNCHJEN@scdhhs.gov>
Date: 3/23/2012 5:16 PM
Subject: Ref Log 342
CC: Richard Kluender <KLUENDRRR@scdhhs.gov>, "Nicole Mitchell Threatt" <mitc...>
Attachments: Ref Log 342 Response.pdf

Brenda,

Attached is the response for log 342. This letter was forwarded from the Governor's Office, reference #204624.

Thanks,

Teeshla Curtis

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Office of Long Term Care and Behavioral Health
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29202
(803) 898-2502



March 23, 2012

Mr. Fred Earl
3253 Ross Dye Road
Great Falls, South Carolina 29055

Dear Mr. Earl:

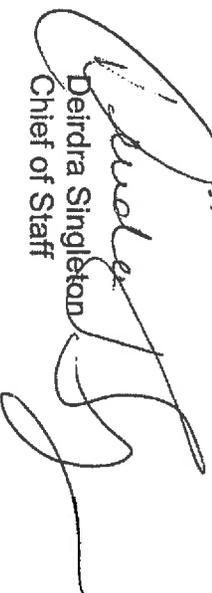
This letter is in response to your recent correspondence to the Office of the Governor concerning the reduction of Medicaid nursing facility beds. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) made the difficult decision to cut all Medicaid programs due to the state's budget deficit.

SCDHHS is monitoring access issues to ensure adequate care and has expanded its services through the Community Long Term Care (CLTC) program. CLTC offers a variety of programs to serve persons who live at home, need assistance with care and are eligible for Medicaid. CLTC nurses and case managers work with eligible persons and their families to plan, coordinate, and authorize needed services.

We recently made an exemption to the CLTC waiting list to allow people who are hospitalized and at risk of nursing facility placement to be given priority for this service. In addition, we are encouraging partnerships between hospitals and nursing facilities to develop other creative alternatives. Based upon your mailing address, our CLTC Rock Hill office staff will be able to assist you. Please contact them at (803) 327-9061.

Determining which Medicaid programs and services to decrease was challenging, but necessary to ensure the viability of South Carolina's Medicaid program. Please contact me directly at (803) 898-2502 if you need more information.

Sincerely,



Deirdra Singleton
Chief of Staff

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cc: Office of the Governor
Reference #204624