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FYI – HHS plans to follow up with Rep. Garry Smith tomorrow regarding his PP questions (*email below*).

From: Jenny L Stirling [mailto:LYNCHJEN@scdhhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:30 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: Bryan Kost
Subject: FW: Agreement requests

Hi Katherine,

Below (in the email string) is the follow-up request from Rep. Garry Smith. We plan to respond to him tomorrow. We have also received the following requests. Josh has the information we've provided. We will send y'all our response to Rep. Smith as well. Christian has received some direct calls which are not included below. I'm not sure who all he has heard from directly.

Rep. Hicks – We have already sent her provider agreements (4 FFS and 4 MCO).

Rep. Garry Smith – We have already sent him provider agreements (4 FFS and 4 MCO).

Rep. Bill Taylor – He asked general question about PP payments. This is what we sent him: For FY 2015, SC Medicaid paid Planned Parenthood about \$35 thousand. (\$35,000). These payments were chiefly for contraceptive-related services (IUDs and birth control, plus office visit-related costs). Medicaid only pays for abortion in cases of rape, incest, or when the mother's life is threatened (as determined by a doctor.) Planned Parenthood did not perform any of these non-elective abortions that were paid for by SC Medicaid last fiscal year. These non-elective abortions have been getting performed in hospitals.

Ryan Burnaugh – He asked for a Planned Parenthood data run which we provided.

Angie Willis – She asked for a Planned Parenthood data run which we provided.

Jennifer Dobson with House Oversight – She came in to meet with staff regarding Planned Parenthood and abortion coverage to get a better understanding. We have sent her the Planned Parenthood data run and the Planned Parenthood breakdown from each MCO.

Rebecca Leach, RFA – She came in last week to learn more about Planned Parenthood and abortion coverage in general. We have not provided her information yet but she wants a 5 year lookback of Planned Parenthood data.

Thanks!

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From: "Garry R. Smith" <GarrySmith@schouse.gov>
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Thank you again, Bryan, for your help with my request for agreements previously.

After reviewing the agreements I have the following comments, and request for additional information.

1. Absolute Total Care. This contract contains only two explicit statements regarding covered services to be provided. One is "Ambulatory Surgical Services" identified as "Abortions"; the other is "Physician Services" identified as "Gynecology/Family Planning." (Exhibit 1, Page 30.) We note that the ATC contract refers to another contract with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. We therefore request to see:
 - a. the contract between DHHS and ATC.
 - b. copies of all Medicaid medical and pharmacological reimbursements from ATC to Planned Parenthood.
2. Blue Choice. In this contract we find discrepancies in the hours and locations the physician Jack M. Valpey, M.D., claims to work. "Exhibit B" on page 27 states: "Please complete a copy of this form for EACH individual physician in your practice. Please list each address where the physician renders services and office hours that physician is physically present." Only one physician, Jack M. Valpey, M.D., is listed. The

form claims he works in the Charleston Health Center, 200 Rutledge, Charleston, NC [sic] 29401 as follows: Mon. 9-5; Tue. 9-5; Wed. 11-7; Thurs. 11-7; Fri. 9-5; Sat. 7-1. The form also claims he works in the satellite office of Columbia Health Center, 2712 Middleburg Dr., Suite 107 Columbia, SC 29204 as follows: Mon. 10-6; Tues. 9-1; Wed. 11-7; Thurs. "closed"; Fri. 10-6; Sat. 9-1. It is blatantly obvious that Jack Valpey cannot possibly be in Charleston and in Columbia at the same time. Therefore we request to see:

- a. the contract between DHHS and Blue Choice.
- b. copies of all Medicaid medical and pharmacological reimbursements from Blue Choice to Planned Parenthood.
- c. copies of all reimbursements to Jack M. Valpey, M.D. and the services provided by him.
- d. copies documenting the presence of all individual physicians at each location.

3. Select Health of South Carolina, Inc. This contract contains the following statement on Page 17. "Select Health of South Carolina, Inc. benefits specifically exclude coverage for family planning services. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to impose responsibilities on Select Health to provide any services with respect to family planning, pregnancy termination, or voluntary sterilization (tubal ligation, vasectomy or similar procedures or counsel having the purpose of pregnancy prevent.)" We therefore request to see:

- a. the contract between DHHS and Select Health of South Carolina, Inc.
- b. copies of all Medicaid medical and pharmacological reimbursements from Select Health of South Carolina, Inc. to Planned Parenthood.

4. Unison: This appears to be an old contract.

Upon further research, we find that Unison has been purchased by United Healthcare Community Plan in 2011 and then subsequently acquired by Wellcare in 2013. The SC Medicaid Fee Schedule listing covered services, as referred to in Attachment A, is missing. Therefore we request to see:

- a. SC Medicaid Fee Schedule listing all covered services under the plan, including EPSDT Services.
- b. the contract between DHHS and Unison.
- c. the contract between DHHS and United Healthcare Community Plan.

- d. the contract between DHHS and Wellcare.
- e. copies of all Medicaid medical and pharmacological reimbursement from Unison, United Healthcare Community Plan, and Wellcare to Planned Parenthood.

We also note that "current" Medicaid individual physician enrollment forms are dated 1980, 1984, and 1991. The Medicaid Pharmacy enrollment form is dated 2011. In addition, provider contracts are dated 2009, 2010, and 2014. We therefore request to see:

- a. current individual physician and pharmacy enrollment forms reflecting enrollment through 2015.
- b. current provider contracts/participating physician agreements through 2015.
- c. copies of all Medicaid medical and pharmacological reimbursements paid to individual providers and pharmacies contracted with Planned Parenthood.

The information provided in this email raises substantial questions about contracts between DHHS and intermediary insurance companies which then contract with Planned Parenthood to funnel Medicaid payments to Planned Parenthood for abortions, questionable staffing, and questionable services. We also believe it will take a forensic audit to fully answer our questions.

In the meantime, I again suggest that the providers be sent the required 30 Days Notice under the agreements with DHHS pending this further review.

Sent from my iPad

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