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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER 000140	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 8/14/06	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Close per Jan P. Ryan</i> <i>8/9/06, see attached e-mail</i>			

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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August 8, 2006

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Department of Health & Human Services
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Robert Kerr
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
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RE: Shirley Coates, 854 Old Orangeburg Road, Lexington, SC 29073, (803) 359-3755

Dear Robert:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, Shirley Coates, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Ms. Coates.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

LOG/ss

Enclosure

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08/08/2006 09:42AM

From: "websevr@dwww.senate.gov" <websevr@dwww.senate.gov>
Date: 3/27/2006 12:02:25 AM
To: webmail@lgraham-ig.senate.gov
Subject: Senator Lindsey Graham

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Sender's IP address = 71.29.38.238
<APP>SCCMAIL
<PREFIX>Mrs</PREFIX>
<FIRST>Shirley Blackmon </FIRST>
<LAST>Coates</LAST>
<ADDR1>856 Old Orangeburg Road</ADDR1>
<ADDR2></ADDR2>
<CITY>Lexington</CITY>
<STATE>SC</STATE>
<ZIP>29073</ZIP>
<HPHONE>803 359 3755</HPHONE>
<WPHONE>803 530 7330</WPHONE>
<EMAIL>coates2sb@aol.net</EMAIL>
<MSG>I have been trying since January 25, 2006 to get my mother's Medicaid application process. The first application the agency lost. The second application I sent registered mail on February 22, 2006 it was signed for on February 24, 2006. I finally received a call from the agency on March 9, 2006 from a Ms Torri Dawson. She said she would be sending me a check sheet for additional information and would be sending a level of care letter to the nursing home where my mother was currently staying at getting additional therapy under Medicare. On March 22, 2006 my mother was admitted to Springs Memorial Hospital and is in critical condition. The nursing home admissions office contact the agency and was told that they (Medicaid Agency) would get in touch with me. On March 24, 2006 I called the agency to find out why they had not called me this was around 12:30 pm I was told that a check sheet would be faxed to me, 2 hours later I had to call the agency again and ask Ms Dawson!
where the fax was and she told me she had gotten distracted. I feel that the ball has been dropped. I am now in a situation that if the hospital told me they were doing to discharge my Mother tomorrow I would not know which way to turn. She has has a 3rd stroke and this time I fear she has had sever brain damage. I can not private pay for her to go to a nursing home and I can not care for her at home. I am asking for any help you can provide that would move this application along. I have everything that is need except for four bank statements which I will be ordering on March 27, 2006. Please help.
Thank you for any assistance you can provide. Shirley Blackmon Coates, POA for Butah Blackmon </MSG>
<ISSUE>HEA</ISSUE>
<RSP>Y</RSP>

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From: Rosa Patterson
To: Bryan Kost; Jan Polatty; Mark Of
Date: 4/18/2006 3:06:02 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Gov Office Referral/Constituent: Eutah K. Blackmon

You're welcome.

>>> Jan Polatty 04/18/06 2:49 PM >>>
Thanks. That is the information that I relayed to DeMint's office, too, but I thought we should follow up....just in case! Thanks again.

>>> Rosa Patterson 04/18/06 2:13 PM >>>
According to Ms. Coats, her mother is still in the hospital however, she is showing some improvement. Mrs. Blackmon was approved for Medicaid General Hospital on March 1, 2006. Medicare is currently pay for the hospital stay. When Mrs. Blackmon transfers to a NH, her daughter will notify the Medicaid case worker.

Thanks.

>>> Jan Polatty 04/18/06 9:52 AM >>>
Hi, there!

Sallie in Sen. DeMint's office just called asking us for assistance w/Ms. Blackmon's Medicaid application. Explained to Sallie that we received a referral from Gov's office on 3/28 and updated her with our information.

Can we follow-up w/Daughter, Ms. Coats, to see if there has been any change in Ms. Blackmon's status in the hospital, etc....? See if there is anything else we need to do to assist?

CC: Alicia Jacobs; Denise Epps

LEGISLATIVE LOG # 0140
LEGISLATOR/INQUIRER Congressman Lindsey O. Graham
CONSTITUENT Shirley Coates for Eutan Blackmon
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BC ASSIGNED LOG Jacobs
DATE REC'D BY AGENCY 8/8/2006
DATE DRAFT DUE GR 8/11/2006
LOG LETTER DUE DATE 8/14/2006
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Brief Description of Issue/Problem	Date	Staff Person	Phone #	Action Taken
	8/8/2006	Jan	8-2502	To Alicia
	8/8/2006	Denise	8-2505	Alicia gave this to me this a.m. & said she gave a copy of it to Carolyn. This is on someone we've already assisted. Gave old notes & this log to Mark for dissemination.
	8/9/2006	Denise	8-2505	Mark called Sen. Graham's ofc & found out that they sent this to us in error. This case was handled in April 06, so let 11th floor know to close.
	8/9/2006	Jan	8-2502	CLOSED

CHECKLIST

Family Size
 Income/Resources
Other Resources:
 Communicare
 FQHCs
 Free Medical Clinics
 Medicare
 MIAP
 Prescription Drug Programs
 Social Security
 Together Rx

Programs:

ABD (32)
 Foster Children (31,60)
 General Hospital (14)
 HCBWS (15)
 LIF (59)
 MBCCP (71)
 Nursing Home (10)
 OSS (85,86)
 PHC (88)
 Pregnant Women & Infants (12,87)
 QMB (90)
 SILVERxCARD (92)
 SLMB (48,52)
 SSI (80)
 TEFRA (57)
 Transitional (11)
 Working Disabled (40)

✓ Log # 140
 pls close
 RKL
 Jim