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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 100385	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>C. Stenoland, Mr. Heck</i> <i>Cleared 3/17/11 after</i> <i>attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE <i>3-16-11</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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**PROTECTION AND
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PEOPLE WITH
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The Protection & Advocacy System for South Carolina

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 25, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7010 2780 0002 2757 3676

Freedom of Information Officer
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

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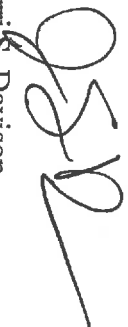
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Sincerely,



Jerri S. Davison
Attorney

cc: Richard Hepfer, Deputy General Counsel

Log # 000385

Anthony E. Keck, Director
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March 17, 2009

Jerri S. Davison, Attorney
Suite 106
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Re: FOIA Request for Information on Medicaid Changes


Dear Ms. Davison:

Your FOIA request for information was forwarded to this Office for a response. Your request, as we understand it, is quite broad, but a few of the items were easily isolated.

Enclosed are the State Plan Amendments that were sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The MCAC meeting minutes and miscellaneous correspondence to CMS are being pulled and should be ready next week. I apologize for the delay. You have the Bulletins and the Beneficiary Newsletter. Enclosed is a form letter designed to inform Beneficiaries of the impact upon them and their appeal rights.

I have made a preliminary analysis of the volume of other information that would be needed to satisfy your request. For the info@scdhhs.gov e-mails and responses, to isolate the e-mails and track the routing and extract the responses, we would need about two (2) days of IT staff time and effort. We estimate the cost at about \$750. The backup analyses for the changes would probably cost about twice that much. However, as to the general rationale for the changes, we do have the Sustainability Project Report on our website at <http://msp.scdhhs.gov/msp>. Unfortunately each report and spreadsheet therein would have multiple supporting and trial-and-error type worksheets. In addition, many staff members would have multiple documents.

We would need a deposit of approximately \$1,500 before beginning such an undertaking. We would refund any excess or request a supplemental payment, depending on the actual effort expended. Thank you for your request. Please accept the enclosed documents with our compliments, and let us know how you would like us to proceed. My direct is (803) 898-2791.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosures

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March 9, 2011

Memorandum

To: See Distribution

From: Rick Hepfer
Legal

Subject: FOIA Request from P & A.

Do not pull or copy anything at this time, but I would like to know the approximate volume of any documents you have that would be responsive to this request. Also, it would be helpful if you could estimate the type of effort that it would take to produce the documents. My direct is 898-2791. We have [the attached] FOIA request from Protection and Advocacy asking for:

- 1) E-mails and responses at info@scdhhs.gov;
- 2) Programmatic and financial analyses of the impact of the changes;
- 3) Documents:
 - a) Submitted to CMS;
 - b) Agenda items for the MCAC, and the minutes for those meetings;
 - c) Any documents offering, or explaining appeal rights.

All **related to** the changes and reductions in services that were described in Beneficiary Newsletter and Provider Bulletins issued in December and January last. To recap, these were:

- 1) On December 14, 2010 we sent a Bulletin to providers indicating that we were:
 - a. Eliminating:
 - i. Podiatry services for adults;
 - ii. Vision services for adults;
 - iii. Dental services for adults;
 - iv. Hospice care services for adults;
 - v. Routine newborn circumcisions;
 - vi. Insulin pumps for Type II Diabetics
 - vii. Syvek patch;
 - viii. Certain wheelchair accessories.
 - b. Reducing
 - i. Diabetic shoes from two pair to one per year;
 - ii. Diabetic shoe inserts from six to three per year;
 - iii. Home health visits from 75 to 50 per year;
 - iv. Combined total of 75 private rehabilitation visits per year, for under 21;
 - v. Chiropractic services from eight to six visits per year;
 - vi. Adult pharmacy overrides from four to three per month;
 - vii. Power wheelchair replacement from every five to every seven years;

- viii. Adult behavioral services limited to 12 outpatient visits per year.
- c. Eliminating these CLTC service:
 - i. Chore services;
 - ii. Appliance service;
 - iii. Nutritional supplements;
 - iv. Adult day health care nursing service;
 - v. Respite service.
- d. Reducing these CLTC services: Home delivered meals from 14 to 10 per week.
- e. Increasing co-payments:
 - i. Can not increase for the following:
 - 1. Children under 19;
 - 2. Pregnant women;
 - 3. Individuals receiving family planning;
 - 4. Institutionalized individuals;
 - 5. Individuals receiving emergency services;
 - 6. Federally recognized native Americans
 - f. All others would be subject to these increases
 - 1. Office visits up from \$2.00 to \$2.30
 - 2. Chiropractor up from \$1.00 to \$1.15
 - 3. Home Health up from \$2.00 to \$2.30;
 - 4. Clinic visits up from \$2.00 to \$2.30
 - 5. Prescription drugs up from \$3.00 to \$3.40;
 - 6. Outpatient hospital up from \$3.00 to \$3.40;
 - 7. Non-emergent services in the E/R up from \$3.00 to \$3.40;
 - 8. Medical equipment and supplies up from \$0-3.00 to \$0.60-\$3.40.
- 2) Sometime in the second week of December, we sent out a Beneficiary Newsletter that cut back somewhat on the services to be eliminated and reduced:
 - a. Only the first five (5) services in 1) a) above would be eliminated;
 - b. Only i, iii, iv, and v in 1) b) above were still being reduced.
 - c. We had eliminated the co-pay on E/R services as in 1) e. ii, 7, above.
 - d. The CLTC changes remained the same;
 - e. The appeals notice was included.
- 3) On December 22, 2010, we issued a Provider Bulletin that clarified the hospice provisions issued earlier;
- 4) On January 31, 2011, we issued another Bulletin reversing certain eliminations of services and continuing these services for fee for service recipients:
 - a. Hospice services for adults;
 - b. Respite provided through CLTC Waivers;
 - c. 14 home delivered meals weekly in the CLTC waivers;
 - d. Nutritional supplements in the Waivers (subject to medical necessity).
- 5) Also on January 31, we issued a clarifying memo on adult dental services
- 6) Finally, on January 31, 2011, we issued a clarifying memo on the private therapy reductions.

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