

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Supra</i>	DATE <i>7-15-13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000017</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-24-13</i>
<i>cc: Kost</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
<i>*Need to send copy of response to Rep. Smith's Office also. Done to Tamara on 7/19/13</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action DATE DUE _____

*Cleared 7/31/13, letter attached*

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Deborah C. McGee  
179 Sudlow Lane  
Graniteville, SC 29829  
(803) 593-3734

July 13, 2013

Director Anthony Keck  
Director of Health and Human Services  
PO Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Director Keck,

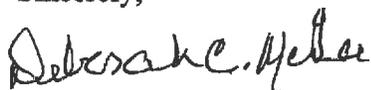
I am a 54 year old single female with no dependents. In 2005 due to a workforce reduction, I was laid off from a position I had held for 17½ years and have been unsuccessful in my efforts to obtain further employment despite my returning to school and currently have less than \$1500<sup>00</sup> in the bank. If not for my parents, I would be homeless.

I now find myself in a position to need assistance for medical attention and assistance with the purchase of medications, as well as buying groceries. I applied for and received an EBT card. When I tried to obtain Medicaid benefits, I discovered that I am not eligible because I do not have a dependent under the age of 19. In my mind this is discrimination and I believe provisions should be added to the Medicaid eligibility to take care of the residents of South Carolina who fall into the same category as me.

I understand there are hearings currently underway to "evaluate" the Medicaid system and that as of October 1, 2013, the rules for Medicaid will be changing. It is my hope that these changes will be for the better.

I appreciate your time and consideration in rectifying the omissions in the current requirements.

Sincerely,



Deborah C. McGee



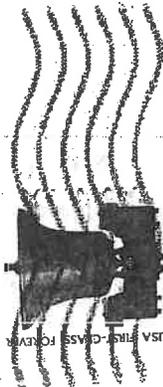
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179 Sudlow Lane  
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Please send response copy Ket Log # 000017  
of letter to Rep. Smith's office

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Department of Health & Human Services  
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July 18, 2013

Mr. Anthony Keck, Director  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Mr. Keck:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Ms. Deborah C. McGee of 179 Sudlow Lane, Graniteville, SC 29829, telephone number 803.593.3734. Ms. McGee is a 54 year old single female with no dependants.

In 2005, due to work force reduction, she was laid off from a position which she held for 17½ years and has been unsuccessful in her efforts to find new employment. She has \$1500 in her bank account and if it were not for her parents she would be homeless. Ms. McGee has no medical insurance and finds herself in a situation where she needs assistance with medication, as well as doctor visits. She applied for assistance and was awarded EBT, which is the only public assistance she qualified for because she has no dependents under the age of 19.

Ms. McGee feels this is a type of discrimination and that provisions should be added to Medicaid eligibility to take care of residents in South Carolina who fall under this category. She is aware that the Medicaid system is under review and some decisions are forthcoming. If you would respond directly to Ms. McGee, and copy me, as to any programs under Health and Human Services that are available to assist her need, I would be most grateful.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
*J. Roland Smith*  
J. Roland Smith

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cc: Ms. Deborah C. McGee, 179 Sudlow Lane, Graniteville, SC 29829

**Representative J. Roland Smith**  
Member, SC House of Representatives  
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Warrenville, SC 29851

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July 31, 2013

Ms. Deborah C. McGee  
179 Sudlow Lane  
Graniteville, SC 29829

Dear Ms. McGee:

Thank you for contacting our Agency regarding Medicaid eligibility requirements.

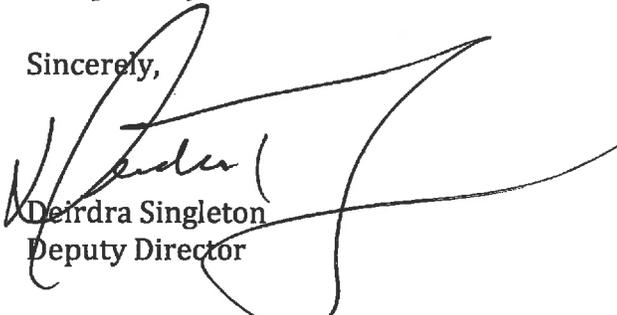
Medicaid eligibility is based on federal and state requirements. To qualify for Medicaid, an individual must meet certain financial guidelines and categorical requirements. An individual under the age of 65 must be determined disabled. The Medicaid program uses the same disability guidelines as the Social Security Administration when determining disability.

In regards to Medicaid expansion, as a result of the new health care legislation passed in 2010, some states have chosen to expand Medicaid to include financially eligible childless and able-bodied adults under the age of 65 effective January 1, 2014. However, the decision to expand Medicaid was optional, and the South Carolina General Assembly chose not to expand Medicaid to include these individuals.

Ms. Carolyn Roach in our Office of Member Services mailed you some information on other programs and organizations that can assist with your healthcare services and prescription medications.

If you have additional questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Roach at 803-898-3967. We hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

  
Deirdra Singleton  
Deputy Director

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