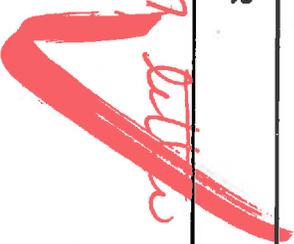


**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>6-5-07</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000758	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 6/15/07 letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>6-14-07</i> DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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WILLIAM H. "BILLY" O'DELL

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May 25, 2007

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Log: Jacobs
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Mr. Bryan Kost
Department of Health and Human Services
P. O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Bryan:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter to me from Judy Rena Holliday detailing the dire circumstances she is dealing with. Please contact Mrs. Holliday and determine if there is any assistance available to her at this time.

Thank you for your assistance.

With warmest regards,

B. O'Dell

William H. "Billy" O'Dell
South Carolina Senate District 4

WHO'D:aa

Enclosure

Judy Rena Holliday
125 Ellison St.
Belton, SC 29627

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Judy Rena Holliday. My husband, Michael Glistrap Holliday, and I live in Belton, SC. I am 28 years old and only have an eighth grade education. Throughout my marriage, I have always been able to work and help my husband with the bills. Come January 2006, after an injury at work in November 2005, I wasn't able to work anymore. Up until June 2006, I had insurance which helped out a lot with my medical bills and medication after my injury. My worker's compensation claim was denied. I lost my case. The lawyer I had didn't let me take any witnesses to the hearing, but the company I had the claim against got to have their witnesses. My anyway I lost that and had no help with anything after that hearing. I did draw my unemployment for awhile but that was only \$128.00 a week. I received my last check of it in December 2006. My husband only brings home \$380.00 a week. Our bills every month go way over what we make. This is a list of our bills:

RENT: \$360.00 A MONTH
WATER: APPROXIMATELY \$50.00 A MONTH
POWER: PREVIOUS \$190.72
CURRENTLY BEHIND \$97.95
CURRENT BILL \$100.53
CAR INSURANCE: \$69.63 A MONTH
GAS BILL: \$122.00 GAS HAS BEEN

TURNED OFF DUE TO NON
PAYMENT BECAUSE I COULDNT
AFFORD IT. SO THEREFORE MY
GAS IS CUT OFF.

I have a checking account but is in the negative balance of \$605.99. I have no bad checks out. I also owe check protection in the amount of \$535.14. I have five credit cards. The first is Catherines whose payment is \$37.00 a month. I also have a JCPenny and Old Navy cards. on JCPenny the minimum amount due is \$75.00 and I am 5 months behind on it. The Old Navy card is a \$55.00 minimum payment and I am also 5 months behind on it. I also have a Sam's Club card and the minimum amount due on it is \$146.00 and I have a past due amount of \$119.00. I haven't been able to make a payment to them since before Christmas. My final credit card is HBSC. The current due on it is \$283.93 and the total amount due is \$559.93. I haven't been able to make a payment to them in the last 6 months. My husband also has a HBSC credit card and he owes currently \$223.02. The total amount due is \$501.02. The last payment made on it was 5 months ago. We also have 2 mortgages on a home that was being remodeled when we were both working. Our mortgage payments are as follows:

Suntrust Bank: \$210.00 a Month
Busstop Services: \$80.00 a Week

We also have a finance company payment of \$140.00 a month. We accumulated all the we have when we were both working and at that time we never got behind on anything. But once I got injured and started accumulating a lot of doctor bills and medication bills we started getting further and further behind on stuff. The bills have gotten worse to handle and we can't get any help from anyone.

My medical expenses are outrageous. Here are a list of doctors I see and there payments:

PAIN MANAGEMENT DOCTOR: DR. SHELLCROSS-GREENVILLE, SC
PAYMENT IS \$40.00 A MONTH TO GET MY PRESCRIPTIONS
PAYMENT TO SEE HIM IS \$67.00
PSYCHIATRIST: DR. KHAN-ANDERSON, SC
PAYMENT IS \$74.00 EVERY TIME I STEP IN HIS OFFICE

**SURGEON CONSULTANT: DR. BUCCI- ANDERSON, SC
PAYMENT TO EVEN STEP IN HIS OFFICE IS \$120.00
AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE IT YOU DON'T GET TO SEE HIM
FAMILY DOCTOR: DR. MARIA CAYELLI- ANDERSON, SC
I HAVE TO GET BLOOD WORK DONE FOR HER EVERY
3 MONTHS AND HER PAYMENT IS SEE HER IS \$90.00
EVERY TIME.**

I have currently been sent to MUSC in Charleston, SC to see a neurosurgeon. The first appointment was in April 2007 and the deposit was \$50.00. I don't know the full bill amount. I have to travel back down to Charleston on June 20, 2007. I don't know how much that trip will cost me.

My medication I am on and what it is for as follows:

**MORPHINE SULFATE: PAIN MANAGEMENT
HYDROCODONE: PAIN MANAGEMENT
NAPROXEN: PAIN MANAGEMENT
LEXAPRO: DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, OCD
KLONOPIN: DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, OCD
AMBIEN: INSOMNIA
ASPIRIN: FOR A STROKE I HAD IN JANUARY, 2006
MECLIZINE: DIAGNOSED WITH VERTIGO IN 2003
FISH OIL, FLAX SEED OIL, AND MULTI-VITAMIN: FOR HIGH TRIGLYCERIDES
NEXIUM OR PRILLOSEC OTC: ACID REFLUX DISEASE**

On my nexium I can't afford it so I have to purchase the Prilosec OTC. My medication runs me approximately \$709.07 a month.

I really need my nexium and when I can afford it, it will cost me \$145.00. My hospital bills are at a range of \$19,131.36; and that is the only ones I have knowledge of. There are more but I don't have the bills for them. I haven't been able to make not even one payment to them.

My sister is moving in with us due to the fact of her schooling at Tri-County Technical which she will start in August 2007. She will be working part-time but that is to pay for her necessities for school. We tried to get food stamps but were denied. We also tried to get on at the Free Clinic in Anderson, SC and were denied for that. The hospital won't even help with those bills. Some area churches and organizations have helped with food and some bills but they can only do so much. They have a lot of people to help. My family can't help because my mom is sick herself and my dad is no where around. I am currently signed up to get my disability but I haven't had a hearing yet. I am so disabled, I can't even clean my own house, or wash our clothes. I can only walk about 10 minutes at a time then I have to sit down. I wet the bed at night so I have to purchase diapers and pads to go underneath me so I don't ruin my bed. That costs me about \$43.96 a month. My husband has to help me get dressed and take a bath. My cousin and her husband come in every other day to do my house work, wash our clothes, and my yard work for me. I can only go shopping to stores that have a motorized chair for me to sit in to go around the store. I am so desperate to find some help. If there is any information you can provide for me so I can get some help with bills, doctor bills, and medicine expenses **PLEASE LET ME KNOW**. I would greatly appreciate everything you could do for me. Please provide me with any information that you find will be useful.

I, Judy Rena Holliday, did not write this. This was written for me by my cousin, Amanda Marie Bell. I could not spell, write, or read all that well due to my education status.

Thank you so much for what you
can do,

Judy Rena Holliday



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Susan B. Bowling
Acting Director

June 15, 2007

Ms. Judy Rena Holliday
125 Ellison Street
Belton, South Carolina 29627

Dear Ms. Holliday:

Senator William "Billy" O'Dell asked our agency to assist you with your concerns about healthcare and daily living needs.

You indicate you have applied for disability assistance but have not received notice of a hearing date. We contacted the Social Security Administration (SSA) and were advised that you, or your legal representative, can request an expedited appeal hearing date by writing them and referencing a "dire need" situation based on your current medical condition and lack of health insurance coverage. Please call the Greenville SSA Office of Adjudication and Review at 864-242-9154.

Medicaid eligibility is based on federal and state requirements. To qualify for Medicaid, an individual must meet certain financial guidelines and categorical requirements. Income is based on gross earnings and does not allow deductions for taxes, utilities, car payments or other living expenses. Enclosed is an overview of the Medicaid program, as well as, an application for Medicaid's Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) program. Medicaid uses the same disability rules as SSA to determine eligibility for the ABD program. To apply, mail the application to our Anderson County Office, PO Box 160, Anderson, SC 29622-0160. If you have any questions, please call 803-584-8137.

We have also enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare and daily living needs. Please call the contact numbers on each to learn more about the services they offer.

I hope the information we have provided is helpful. If you have any questions about the Medicaid program, please call Denise Epps at 803-898-2505 or 1-888-549-0820 (toll-free).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Interim Deputy Director

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Enclosures



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Acting Director

June 19, 2007

The Honorable William H. "Billy" O'Dell
The Senate of South Carolina
501 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator O'Dell:

Thank you for referring Ms. Judy Rena Holliday to our agency regarding her concerns over healthcare and daily living expenses. We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

We contacted Ms. Holliday to let her know how to inquire about the status of her hearing and request an expedited hearing date. Medicaid uses the same rules as the Social Security Administration to determine disability. We sent Ms. Holliday an application for Medicaid's Aged, Blind or Disabled program and provided her with contact information if she has questions about our application process. We also provided Ms. Holliday with information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare services, prescription medications, inpatient hospitalization and daily living needs.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
Susan B. Bowling
Acting Director

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LEGISLATIVE LOG #	0758
LEGISLATOR/INQUIRER	Senator William H "Billy" O'Dell
CONSTITUENT	Judy Rena Holliday
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BC ASSIGNED LOG	BEPO
DATE REC'D BY AGENCY	6/4/2007
DATE DRAFT DUE AJ	6/12/2007
LOG LETTER DUE DATE	6/14/2007
DATE REFERRED TO BC	6/5/2007

Brief Description of Issue/Problem	Date	Staff Person	Phone #	Action Taken
Ms. Holliday and her husband have an 8th grade education & up till recently, earned enough to cover their bills. However, due to medical & daily living need expenses, they are behind on payments & need assistance. Ms. Holliday has applied for SS disability but rec'd no notice of a hearing date. There is no phone # listed, just an address.	6/5/2007	Jan	8-2502	To BEPO box.
	6/5/2007	Jenny	8-3965	To Denise to handle.
	6/11/2007	Denise	8-2505	Drafted response letters & assembled enclosures. Gave to Bob to proof.
	6/12/2007	Denise	8-2505	Incorporated most of Bob's edits & gave folder to Mark.
	6/13/2007	Jenny	8-3965	Edits and to Mark.

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)	