

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Liggett</i>	DATE <i>11-7-13</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000169</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC; Mr. Beck, Post</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>11-20-13</i>	
<i>closed 11/15/13, email attached</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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October 24, 2013

Anthony Keck, Director  
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Dear Mr. Keck:

On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Residential Care Homes (SCARCH), I want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend the last meeting of the OSS/OSCAP Stakeholder Workgroup on September 19th and listening to provider concerns regarding implementation of Proviso 33.34(F).

Providers pursued a legislative proviso last legislative session to enhance the OSS facility rate in an attempt to cover more of the costs for OSS recipients. The facility rate is the maximum amount that a CRCF can charge an OSS recipient. The rate is comprised of the individual's personal income in addition to the state supplemental payment. Prior to the proviso, the facility rate was \$1,132, of which a little over \$400 was the actual OSS payment. An analysis by the Department of Health and Human Services of the FY 2011 cost reports showed a weighted average monthly costs for CRCF provider of \$1,654.

We believe that Proviso 33.34(F) awarded \$12 million for this purpose, which would bring the total budget for OSS to \$29.63 million. Neither IPC nor OSCAP were contemplated or mentioned in the proviso. To date, it appears that only \$4.4 million of the total amount awarded in the proviso has been allocated to the OSS facility rate.

Our providers are committed to improving quality and welcome the opportunity to work in collaboration with DHHS and DHEC toward that effort. At the current facility rate, some providers have had to resort to hiring staff at minimum wage and curtailing training and physical facility costs to stay afloat. We believe adequate reimbursement is a necessary step toward improving quality when combined with the enforcement of the existing DHEC Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities.

During the meeting, it was evident that the full \$12 million had not been allocated to the OSS facility rate. We appreciate your willingness to verify how the \$12 million was allocated and get back to providers. Since the Stakeholder Workgroup does not meet again until November 21st, our providers are requesting an update in the interim as to the implementation of the proviso.

We appreciate your willingness to resolve the concerns and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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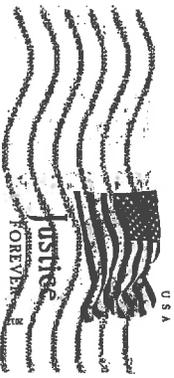
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Log #169

**Annmarie McCanne**

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**From:** Peter Liggett  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 5:35 PM  
**To:** Brenda Hyleman; Annmarie McCanne  
**Cc:** Alexis Martin  
**Subject:** Re: Status of Log 169

I concur.

Pete

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**From:** Brenda Hyleman  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 4:57:32 PM  
**To:** Annmarie McCanne; Peter Liggett  
**Cc:** Alexis Martin  
**Subject:** Re: Status of Log 169

Alexis called Melody and verified that she has the information she needs and doesn't have any further questions. So I think these emails can be used to close it if Pete concurs.  
Thanks

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**From:** Annmarie McCanne  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 3:44:23 PM  
**To:** Brenda Hyleman  
**Subject:** RE: Status of Log 169

Ok, thanks! Can we close the log then with your email below? Is there anything we need to do with it?

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**From:** Brenda Hyleman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 4:37 PM  
**To:** Annmarie McCanne  
**Cc:** Ryan Anderson; Alexis Martin; Jan Polatty; Peter Liggett  
**Subject:** Re: Status of Log 169

We didn't receive the log until yesterday. This information was provided in the OSS advisory and is on the proviso web site. We can call Melody to make sure she is aware of this.  
Brenda

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**From:** Annmarie McCanne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2013 3:58:32 PM  
**To:** Brenda Hyleman  
**Cc:** Ryan Anderson  
**Subject:** Status of Log 169

Hi – Jan brought to my attention a few minutes ago that this log is requesting an update prior to the Nov 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Have we done anything with this? If so, can you forward the response to me so I can give to Jan for TK.

Thanks,  
Annie

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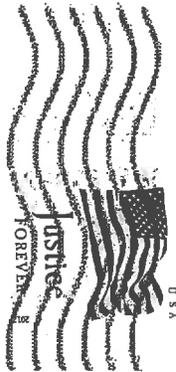
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