

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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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. Heck, post</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>11-20-13</i>	
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closed 11/15/13, email attached

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October 24, 2013

Anthony Keck, Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
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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,

Melody Bailey, Executive Director
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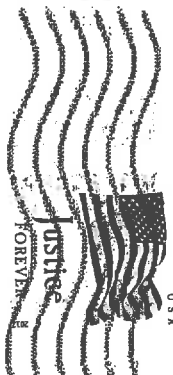
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Log #169

Annmarie McCanne

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

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

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?

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

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 21st 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

Annmarie McCanne
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