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From: Peters, Hal <HalPeters@gov.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Jennifer Lynch
Subject: HHS.PDF
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Hey Jenny

Attached you will find correspondence we are referring to you. Their reference numbers are: 304367, 307172, 308134, and 309319.

If you could please respond to their concerns, I would appreciate it! Thanks Jenny!

Sincerely,

Hal Peters

Policy Analyst | Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley o 803.734.4062 e halpeters@gov.sc.gov

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From: Office of the Governor Site Support <JPINSON@MCSCOLUMBIA.COM>
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 10:06 AM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: CMS ROUND 2 COMPETITIVE BIDDING

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Answered:

Title: MR
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State: SC
Zip: 29209
Phone: 803-6951772

Email: JPINSON@MCSCOLUMBIA.COM

Affiliation: South Carolina Resident

Message:

Dear Governor

I am a resident of South Carolina and I voted for you and I desperately need your help. I work work a duable medical equipment company here in Lexington and due to the recent cms round 2 dme competitive bidding has resulted in bogus bid rates that will absolutely destroy the dme companies here in south carolina and also 91 cities across these great United States. I would like to ask you a questions what industry in this country could survive with a 45% cut in revenue but that that is what cms wants us to do. We need your help to stop this before your constituency in south carolina suffer from poor service and poor quality of equipment that they rely on to survive. Do to LAWS You put in place a judge can not stop this only you can I want to keep my job I beg you please get this stopped. I hope you understand the negative impact this will have on our great sstate of South Carolina small businesses closing its door and people out of work and residents who use this equipemnt suffering. Thanks jerry

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April 2, 2013

Mr. Jerry B. Pinson
7128 Caledonia Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29209

Dear Mr. Pinson:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is in receipt of your yletter to Governor Nikki Haley concerning Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplier (DMEPOS) competitive bidding program. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

This change to the CMS DME delivery system will impact those SCDHHS beneficiaries that are dually eligibly and Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) with Medicare as primary. For claims associated with these beneficiaries, the contracted provider has accepted the rates as outlined during the contracting process. SCDHHS will continue to adjudicate claims for these beneficiaries in the current manner, which is to reimburse the patient responsibility (co-pay and deductible) for services rendered. The Fee for Service (FFS) program will continue to utilize the fee schedule that is now in place for the products in the eight categories that were included in CMS Round 2 contracting.

It is the intent of Medicare to improve the effectiveness of its methodology for setting DMEPOS payment amounts, which will reduce beneficiary out of pocket expenses and save the Medicare program money while ensuring beneficiary access to quality items and services. In South Carolina, the three regions affected by this change are Charleston/North Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville/Mauldin-Easley.

SCDHHS will continue to monitor this issue. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Valeria Williams Director of Health Services, at (803) 898-3477.

Sincerely,



Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN
Deputy Director

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