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CC: Kelly, LaWandrakelly@aging.sc.gov
Date: 7/11/2018 4:31:00 PM
Subject: RE: Constituent - Diane Griffith

Catherine,

Apologies, I have been training new Ombuds for the past two days. I reviewed this again and spoke with the staff at Appalachia. The I & R staff will call her, but she must contact Social Security for the information she needs. They (SS) have access to Ms. Griffin and her husband's files and can best explain the income limits and triggers.

dale

From: Catherine McNicoll [mailto:CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Watson, Dale ; Wolf, Anne
Cc: Kelly, LaWandra
Subject: RE: Constituent - Diane Griffith

I just heard from Ms. Griffith, she hasn't heard from anyone, can we try to get legal services to call her be weeks end. Thank you.

Best Regards,
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From: Catherine McNicoll
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 2:31 PM
To: Watson, Dale <dwatson@aging.sc.gov>; Wolf, Anne <awolf@aging.sc.gov>
Cc: Kelly, LaWandra <kelly@aging.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Constituent - Diane Griffith

I'm looking at this and I think may not have included her phone number in my original email. 864-747-4939.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Thu, Jul 5, 2018 at 9:54 AM -0400, "Watson, Dale" <dwatson@aging.sc.gov> wrote:

Catherine,
This can be referred to Appalachia for legal assistance.

LaWandra,
Please review and forward to the region.

Thanks
Dale

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From: Catherine McNicoll <CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 3, 2018 2:21:53 PM
To: Wolf, Anne; Watson, Dale
Subject: Constituent - Diane Griffith

Good Afternoon, I've had a called from Diane Griffith (61 yo, DOB [REDACTED]) in Greenville County. She was on SSI and Medicaid for 19 years. In April they cut her from both and have since denied her appeal on the SSI. From what she was saying, she has been married 38 years but they have been on and off separated during that time. They are currently together and her husband recently filed for his social security which triggered her removal from SSI and Medicaid.

I'm not sure because she is 61, whether our Information & referral/assistance would be where I should send her.

I'm also not sure if legal services might provide any assistance, it sounded like her relationship and marital status for tax purposes has had a substantial impact on the situation, which is where legal services might be able to help.

Please let me know if you think our office can help. If not I will run this like I would for a younger person in her circumstances, Congressman's office for the SSI and DHHS for Medicaid.

Best Regards,
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