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To: Dr. David Cole
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Dear Dr. Cole

First of all, congratulations on your promotion and thank you for responding to my letter regarding the problem: I've tried to refer a number of patients to the State's flagship medical center for subspecialty pediatric care and MUSC has politely said no: this sick child was assigned to the wrong flavor of Medicaid.

I know your people are in negotiations with the wide gamut of Medicaid payers, but that confuses me even more. If standard Medicaid rates are too low, maybe we should talk to Mr. Keck, not a myriad of insurance company CEO's who have millions of reasons to delay, defer, and say no. And if Mr. Keck selectively allows certain flavors of SC Medicaid to set their own payment rates far below the standard rates (which are already some of the lowest in the nation), maybe we should talk to Mr. Keck, not the current host of insurance company CEO's who have millions of reasons to laugh at us all the way to the bank.

There are no bad people in this system, but this bad system is forcing physicians to send SC Medicaid patients (and SC Medicaid dollars) to your competition in Charlotte and Augusta.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



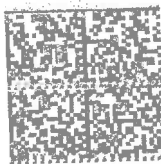
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