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Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Ms. Shirley Hoover for
Destiny Berry DOB: 04/15/1999
SSN 658-05-0999

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding surgery for her daughter. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Any assistance that you could offer would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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FAX

TO: Congressman DeWilson FROM: Shirley Hoover
FAX# (803) 939-0078 FAX #: 533-0045
DATE: 4/25/08 # OF PAGES: 3
MESSAGE: Concerned Parent

04/25/08

Shirley Hoover
3461 Neeses Highway
Orangeburg SC 29115
803-860-1262
803-534-3210

Dear Congressman Joe Wilson:

I am writing as a concerned parent. My daughter, Destiny Berry is a special needs child. She was born prematurely and is disabled. She has been through about 18 surgeries. In the summer of last year she started having numerous kidney infections, and finally in September we were diagnosed as having kidney reflux. The doctor decided that at that point we would try treating her with nightly antibiotics to keep the infections at bay. This did not work. She has had at least 7 infections since, that have been very severe requiring IV antibiotics and fluids to keep her hydrated. We followed up with our Urologist recently, who confirmed that with the number of infections she has been having that we should probably go ahead and surgically correct the problem. Here, is where my problem comes in. The surgery she needs is called Deflux. There are two options to fixing this problem. The first surgery is a pretty risky one, where they have to make a very large incision in the belly, it is roughly a three hour surgery, a three day hospital stay, and a 6 week recovery. The second option is a telescope procedure that is done in outpatient surgery, takes about 5 minutes and has a 90 % success rate. Of course I prefer the telescope procedure, but Medicaid refuses to pay for this procedure. I know it must be much cheaper the second way, and can't quite understand why we would do such a risky surgery when the second works just as well. I cannot afford to pay out of pocket for this procedure, but I also cannot afford for my daughter to have kidney damage due to these infections. This disturbs me much, as she has had 6 operations on the belly already, and every time we have to have a big operation as such there are lots of risks involved. The doctor said that they have been fighting Medicaid for some time now trying to get them to cover the costs of this procedure with medical evidence backing them up but with no avail. For now they are treating her with a much stronger antibiotic, and we are due for a kidney ultrasound in July to make sure that the kidneys are functioning properly. I would really like to make a difference in this, as I know that my daughter can't possibly be the only one needing this operation, and I know that I am not the only parent who does not want to put my child

through such a traumatic surgery. I feel that something should be done about this, and I have to make a stand for my daughters well being. I also know though that one voice does not make a huge difference, and anything that you could do to help us with this would be greatly appreciated. I have also contacted the local news to see if there was anything that they can do to help. Thanks for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,



Shirley Hoover

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June 3, 2008

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Representative Wilson:

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If you have questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Melanie "BZ" Giese, Bureau Director of Health Services, at (803) 898-2868. Thank you for taking the time to contact us and for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

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Felicity Myers
Deputy Director

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June 4, 2008

Jeffrey T. Ehreth, M.D.
Palmetto Children's Urology
9 Medical Park, Suite 420
Columbia, South Carolina 29203

Regarding: Destiny Berry
Medicaid ID: 4728962501

Dear Dr. Ehreth:

Prior approval is granted for Deflux injection in the treatment of vesicoureteral reflux for Destiny Berry, effective May 30, 2008. Your prior authorization number is 0529VW and will be good for up to 180 days. For payment beyond 180 days, documentation of the patient's progress toward improvement along with the physician's recommendation to continue the service must be submitted to the Division of Hospital Services, Medical Service Review. Please give this number to any other providers of service (hospital, other physicians, etc.) if applicable.

If further assistance is required, you may contact William Feagin at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of O. Marion Burton in blue ink.

O. Marion Burton
Medical Director

OMB/gws

cc: Ms. Shirley Hoover



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