

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Singleton/Lynch</i>	DATE <i>10-10-12</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000103</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>10-18-12</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Mr. Keck, Singleton, Waldrop, Giese</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Secretary Anthony Keck
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Dear Secretary Keck:

It was a pleasure to meet you recently, and I look forward to working with you and your agency as we try to streamline services, create more efficient uses of resources, and develop strategies for the future. As you probably know, I am out in the field looking at the face of aging in South Carolina, trying to learn about the challenges we have and identify any possible solutions. That is why I am writing.

As I tour, questions arise, and I need information to be able to draw conclusions. I have heard about the challenges in transportation. I would like to know if there are provisions allowed in transportation contracts which provide that drivers are not required to assist riders in boarding or exiting vehicles. Are these provisions new to transportation contracts with government entities, or are these provisions long-standing?

In regard to the Optional State Supplementation Program, I understand that the maximum allowed to a residential care facility is about \$1,122. I also understand this amount is set by the General Assembly. Based on what I have seen so far, this amount is too low for these facilities to be able to operate and provide a level of care which meets the regulatory requirements. Have you any recommendation on what the maximum amount should be?

Concerns have been expressed to me about the time lag in getting funding redirected when Medicaid patients are transferred from one facility to another. One facility complained that the lag in funding lasts over a month. This may be an area you wish to examine.

Also, I would appreciate someone providing me clarification on Medicaid days. Is there a limit as to how many days a patient can accumulate in a year at one facility? Is there a limit as to how many Medicaid days there can be at a facility? If a facility exceeds its Medicaid days, are there any exceptions or waivers for persons of advanced age or frailty, for instance those aged 90 or 100 plus? Why not?

Thanks again for your willingness to work with us and all your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn McConnell".

Glenn F. McConnell

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