

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER	000074	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR	Cleared 7/18/06, letter attached. ✓	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 7-21-06 <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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July 7, 2006

Medical Director
DHHS

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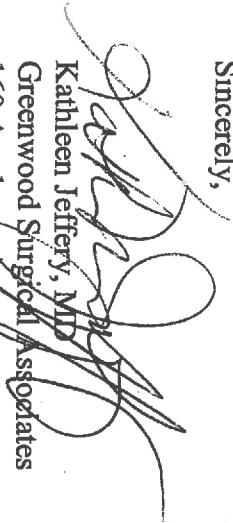
Re: Janice Green
Medicaid # 5780500561

Dear Dr. Burton,

In writing this letter I am trying to secure payment for two office visits that were denied as patient had exceeded her number of visits for the calendar year. The dates of service were March 3, 2006 and June 20, 2006. Ms. Green was referred by her family physician Dr. Deborah Grate for a mass in her left breast. The patient had a left modified radical mastectomy for locally advanced breast cancer and has had numerous follow-up office visits along with chemotherapy and radiation.

I appreciate you taking the time to review this case. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

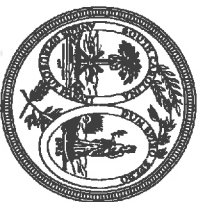


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July 18, 2006

Kathleen Jeffery, MD
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Re: Janice Green

Dear Dr. Jeffery:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support three (3) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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