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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR	<i>Cleared 7/18/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature	DATE DUE <i>7-24-06</i>
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Department of Health & Human Services
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July 07, 2006

Department of Health & Human Services
ATTN: Medical Directors
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: GREGORY SCOTT GRIGGS
SS: 251-13-0636
Provider #: PC3830

The above-named patient has longstanding chronic pancreatitis. He is a victim of chronic pain originating in the pancreas and not likely to improve. He has recently had surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina because of obstruction of the biliary tree. This, if anything, ended-up increasing his pain rather than ameliorating it. Because he has opiate narcotics which are required for pain management, it is necessary that he see a physician at least once a month to get refills on his non-refillable opiate. For that reason, it's requested that his allowance for doctor visits be expanded because of these unusual circumstances.

Sincerely,

James P. Pittman

J.P. Pittman, M.D.

JPP/s



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Director

July 18, 2006

J. P. Pittman, MD
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Re: Gregory Scott Griggs

Dear Dr. Pittman:

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. Adult Medicaid beneficiaries are allowed twelve (12) physician office visits beginning July 1st of each year. Attending physicians can request additional visits only when these initial twelve (12) are exhausted for medically necessary care

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "O. Marion Burton".

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

OMB/bk

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bc: Melanie Giese
Val Williams