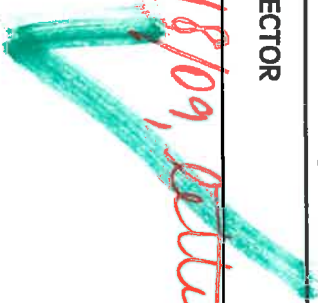


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Myers</i>	DATE <i>12-29-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOC NUMBER <i>100340</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Claud 11/8/09, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-8-09</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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George W. Amann

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

125 Broad St.

Newport News, S.S. 23440

State of South Carolina
Dept. of Health & Human Services

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 12/11/08 came as a great shock to me. If your Epop Program is designed to help the elderly of the state, please consider these facts:

1. I am 86 years old.
2. I pay \$198⁰⁰ per mo. for single medical coverage to medicare.
3. I pay \$38⁰⁰ per mo. for Blue Cross Med Blue Prescription Drug and
4. My Prescription Drugs cost me \$641⁰⁰ per mo. while in the drug must hole (gap). There are no generic.
5. Total cost of items 2, 3 and 4 ~~\$8717⁶⁰~~ \$8777⁶⁰

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6. My Social Security Check is

\$985.40

- 877.00 for Ins. and Prescription

charges. This leaved me with
\$108.40 isn't that great!

I would certainly agree that
there is something wrong with
our health care system.

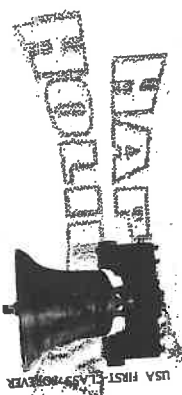
Wouldn't you agree?

I suppose the best thing for me
to do, is quit buying my
prescriptions medicine get sick
and go to the hospital, so that
what the states plan is?

I think that changing from 95% to 10%
is ridiculous! Please Respond. H. Brown

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George Amann
125 Broad St.
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Attn: Emma Fiskner



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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

January 8, 2009

Mr. George Amann
125 Broad Street
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440.

Dear Mr. Amann:

Thank you for the letter regarding your concern over the reduction in benefits in the GAP Assistance Program for Seniors (GAPS) by the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

Due to state revenue deficits, the SCDHHS budget has been substantially reduced, and it has become necessary to make significant changes. The GAPS program is only one of many services being impacted.

Based on the information you provided in your letter, we recommend that you contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to see if you might qualify for the Extra Help program.

We are sorry for the burden that this change in coverage causes you. If you wish to speak with a representative of the Pharmacy Services Department please contact us at (803) 898-2876.

Sincerely,
BZ Giese
Melanie "BZ" Giese
Bureau Director, Health Services

CMB/gd