

September 30, 2014

State of South Carolina
The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Re: Medicaid Extension for College Students
Not Eligible for Affordable Health Care**

Dear Governor Haley,

After receiving a call from Mrs. Jerri Giles of the Constituent Services (CS) on Friday, September 26, 2014 at approximately 4:52 p.m. in response to my question asked on September 24, 2014 about the extension of the Medicaid program. She informed me that because of restrictions that the U.S. Federal Government was attaching to the program in South Carolina, that you felt it would not be beneficial to South Carolina and opted not to accept. I contacted Congressman James E. Clyburn's Office to find out what these restrictions were and why the federal government wanted to impose them on South Carolina. I thought it worthy to inform you that representative from Congressman Clyburn's office stated that he was not aware of any such restrictions. As a matter of fact, I was informed that the Medicaid Extension program if accepted would be paid 100% by the U.S. Federal Government at no cost to South Carolina. Therefore, the question I pose to you is exactly what restrictions were Mrs. Jerri Giles referring to in the conversation she held with me on Friday, September 26, 2014 approximately 4:52 p.m.? Please understand that it is confusing when a person is receiving different information in regards to the same issue. So, please, I beg you help me understand what those restrictions are, and is South Carolina the only state that was given these restrictions, if so why? It just bothers me a great deal that while this game of "passing the buck" is being played between the state and federal government, the young people in need of this program are suffering. Feel free to contact me at (843)382-4041, email: sugarspice2@ftc-i.net, or by mail at 154 Sydneys Loop, Kingstree, South Carolina 29556. Thank you for all that you do.

Frustrated and
Confused,



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