

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>10-10-08</i>
<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER  <i>000198</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>cc: Post cleared 10/23/08 letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10-21-08</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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**HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR.**

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE  
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AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES

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October 7, 2008

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**Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Bryan Kost, Senior Consultant  
Department of Health & Human Services  
1801 Main Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Kost:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter that I recently received from my constituent, Elvia Dorsey. Ms. Dorsey is sixty-eight and currently has Medicare benefits. As you can see, Ms. Dorsey suffers with a severe congenital abnormality of both feet and has been prescribed custom shoes to prevent further deterioration of her feet.

Bryan, I would very much appreciate it if you would look into this to determine if there is any way possible under the governing statutes and regulations for Ms. Dorsey to obtain the custom footwear she so desperately needs.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. K. Leatherman".

Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.  
Senate District 31

HKL:dsm

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Elvia Dorsey

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Oct 2, 2008

Mr. Hugh Leatherman,

I am not a diabetic, but I need special made shoes. I was born with this problem.

If I could meet with you and show you my feet, you would agree. Several years back of doctors taught them. They don't have the funds any longer. I'm sending a letter to you to make.

Anything you could do would be very much appreciated. I'm looking forward to your letter that you.

Thank you,

Elaine Dorey

2003 Beaverdam Dr.

Dartmouth N.C. 29550

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SUPEN R. PATEL, M.D.

November 13, 2007

Mrs. Elvia Dorsey  
2003 Beaverdam Drive  
Hartsville, S.C. 29550

RE: Elvia Dorsay/26051

Dear Sir:

Ms. Elvia Dorsey has been a patient of mine for a period of time. She has a severe congenital abnormality yielding a severe limb length inequality with contracted toes of both feet. It is medically necessary at this point that she have custom shoes to accommodate this deformity since further deterioration of her foot would yield ulcerations, abscesses and possible amputation. She has gotten her custom shoes which have helped considerably, yet there is a question as to proper coverage for these.

I would appreciate your evaluating this situation for this kind lady and if you desire additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Weber, DPM, F.A.C.F.A.S.

RDW/1pm



*State of South Carolina*  
*Department of Health and Human Services*

*Log # 198*

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Fortner  
Director

October 23, 2008

Ms. Elvia Dorsey  
2003 Beaverdam Drive  
Hartsville, South Carolina 29550

Dear Ms. Dorsey:

Senator Hugh Leatherman contacted our agency on your behalf regarding help with the cost of custom shoes prescribed by Dr. Richard Weber.

Unfortunately Medicaid does not cover the cost of your custom shoes. We also contacted Medicare and were told that unless your custom shoes are connected to a covered leg brace or you are diabetic, this is an expense that would not be covered by Medicare.

In an effort to be helpful, we contacted several charitable organizations in the Darlington County and Hartsville areas but were not able to find financial assistance. We can only suggest contacting a local church to see if they can help cover some of the cost; oftentimes, churches can assist residents in their times of need.

Even though you did not say that you need additional assistance, we have enclosed information on our Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD) program. This program is for individuals age 65 or older whose income is under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$867 for an individual). For those eligible for ABD, Medicaid also pays the Medicare Part B monthly premium of \$96.40. If you think you may qualify for this program, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the Darlington County Medicaid Office. Their phone number is (843) 332-2289.

We have also enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their prescriptions and daily living needs. Please call the contact number on each for more information.

If you have any questions about this letter or the Medicaid program, please contact Denise Epps toll free at 1-888-549-0820, Ext. 2505 or (803) 898-2505. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

*Alicia Jacobs*

Alicia Jacobs  
Acting Deputy Director

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Enclosures  
c: Richard D. Weber, DPM, FACFAS



*State of South Carolina*  
*Department of Health and Human Services*

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

October 28, 2008

The Honorable Hugh Leatherman, Sr.  
South Carolina Senate  
Post Office Box 142  
111 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Leatherman:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Elvia Dorsey concerning her healthcare needs.

Medicare will not cover the purchase of custom shoes unless they are attached to a covered leg brace or the beneficiary is diabetic. Unfortunately, this medical expense will not be covered by Medicaid.

In an effort to be helpful, we provided Ms. Dorsey with information on other programs and organizations that may be able to provide assistance.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner  
Director

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