

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

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TO <i>Myers</i>	DATE <i>1-14-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100378</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Kost Cleared 2/6/09, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-26-09</i> DATE DUE _____
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From: Bryan Kost
To: Brenda James
Date: 1/14/2009 8:02 am
Subject: please log ... Fwd: FW: Medicaid Coverage

From Rep. Dennis Moss ...

Bryan Kost
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>>> "JENNIFER DOBSON" <DOBSONJ@SCHOUSE.ORG> 1/13/2009 1:04 PM >>>
Bryan,

We spoke yesterday about this issue. I checked, and Rep. Moss just cleared me to forward the email for assistance. Any suggestions you could give me for responding to this person would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Dobson
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Department of Health & Human Services
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From: <moss4700@bellsouth.net>
To: <mossd@schouse.org>
Date: 1/9/2009 6:23 pm
Subject: FW: Medicaid Coverage

----- Forwarded Message: -----

From: "John" <jwaltmanjr@bellsouth.net>
To: "Dennis Moss" <moss4700@bellsouth.net>
Subject: Medicaid Coverage
Date: Fri, 09 Jan 2009 22:33:06 +0000

Dear Dennis,

Thank you for your time on the phone today. I really do not know what to say about all these cuts they are making. A diabetic has no where to turn except a foot doctor for help.

"The State of South Carolina is handing Becky something that is very close to a death sentence by cutting off her ability to see Dr. Wellmon!"

You have always been a good friend to us both and at the same time we have always tried to be there for you. There are no givens in this world and we have both patrolled the same mean streets and highways and although we would say it out loud every time we turned on our emergency lights and our heart came up into our throat we always prayed in the back of our minds we would get home safely at the end of the shift.

The State has done something that will guarantee that Becky WILL NOT make it home alive someday. Have you ever tried to work on your own feet? or for that matter do you think you could do rectal surgery on your self? We both know the answer to those questions.

If nothing can be done, I am requesting that "Assisted Suicide" be made legal in South Carolina. I am not going off the deep end here. A fact is a fact. Diabetics, if that rule stands will go through a slow painful process of not spotting something as simple as a scratch that is not healing which we both know could turn into gangrene and the next step is the amputation and a slow cruel death will soon follow.

I only ask that you become very familiar with Diabetes and then see if you do not agree with me.

Dennis, This is very serious, in fact it is a serious as the economy itself but knowing you personally doesn't this deserve more consideration than it has been given.

I agree with the lawmakers, the best way to save money is to kill off a quarter of a million citizens of this State, but isn't that going just a little bit to far?

Sincerely and Respectfully,

John Waltman
Your friend and supporter

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From: "DENNIS MOSS" <MOSSD@SCHOUSE.ORG>
To: "JENNIFER DOBSON" <DOBSONJ@SCHOUSE.ORG>
Date: 1/11/2009 6:52 pm
Subject: Fwd: FW: Medicaid Coverage

Any Help with a Response in Medical Cuts ?? Thanks...

Dennis Moss



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

February 6, 2009

Emma Forkner
Director

The Honorable Dennis C. Moss
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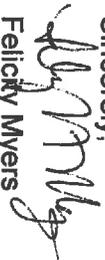
Dear Senator Moss:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is in receipt of your letter from your constituent John Walkman.

As you are aware, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) has been faced with very difficult decisions over the past five months in managing unprecedented budget cuts with limited avenues to reach the required reductions. As a result, it was necessary to make substantial changes to many optional services covered by Medicaid. In total the Medicaid budget this year has been cut by \$137 million, or fifteen percent (15%) of the agency's general fund budget.

Unfortunately, Podiatry Services is one of the optional programs that were affected by budget reductions. We are continuing to develop workable solutions to meet the needs of our Medicaid beneficiaries while addressing budget limitations. As our budget situation improves, we will communicate any policy changes to beneficiaries as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to write. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Erica Dimes, Team Leader for Physician Services, at (803) 898-2551.

Sincerely,

Felicity Myers
Deputy Director

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From: Erica Dimes
To: jwaltmanjr@bellsouth.net
Date: 2/10/2009 2:32 PM
Subject: Medicaid Podiatry Coverage

Dear Mr. Waltman:

Thank you for your letter to Representative Dennis Moss regarding our beneficiary newsletter in December, which outlined potential program changes. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

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Deputy Director

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cc: Senator Dennis Moss (Hard Copy Mailed 02/06/2009)

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Brenda -

Please add to

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Thank
Nancy