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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000057	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 8/7/07, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 8-8-07
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JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Robert M. Kerr
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Ms. Elizabeth Thomas
Medicaid # 1630206286

Dear Mr. Kerr,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding her medical condition. Enclosed is a copy of all correspondence for your perusal. Any assistance that you could offer would be most appreciated.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District, and I value your input.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, South Carolina 29169; Fax number 803-939-0078. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Yours very truly,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

JW/jmc
Enclosure

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To: Congressman Joe Wilson,

My name is Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, I have been disabled for ten years, in 1997 I was diagnosed with SLE lupus. In 2000 I developed diabetes type II from the steroids I take to control the lupus. In 2001 I developed chronic pancreatitis from the Linnoran I take also for the lupus. I have had numerous surgeries stemming from the medication I must take for my disease. The reason I'm writing you is because I "Need" to have a "hysterectomy". I don't want to have one but I "need" to have it. My menstrual cycles have been lasting for 30 days at a time and the cramps have been unbearable pain for me. My OB-GYN have submitted a letter to the Medicaid Department and they have denied the surgery. My Pulmonary Specialist says that I also interfere with my health care. I've tried the 2 other options they want me to

But these options have been un-
successful for me. I really need your
involvement on my behalf to do what
even you can to get Medicaid to change
their decision this surgery is "medically
necessary". I've always felt that
programs such as Medicaid main
focus is to help patients and not deny
them of medically necessary services
and other health care that's much
needed". I personally don't need to
suffer with another health problem to go
along with my already existing ones.
I would be very grateful if you
can become involved with my situation
so I can get the health care I need.
I'm going through "severe pain" and
bleeding and in order for others to
know my pain they have to go through
it themselves.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dingbath Shomas

7/19/67

Love on back.

- I have enclosed some medical info
for you to know some of what she
going through and how she been going
through with this problem.



South Carolina OB-GYN Associates, P.A.

1333 Taylor Street, Suite 2-D
Columbia, SC 29201
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June 1, 2007

Carolina Center for Medical Excellence
c/o Medicaid
246 Stoneridge Drive, Suite #200
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Elizabeth Thomas
Chart #25262
Medicaid #1630206286
Procedure: Hysterectomy

Dear Carolina Center for Medical Excellence:

I recently received your letter of denial for hysterectomy on Elizabeth Thomas. As previously stated in her medical records, she did have an endometrial biopsy done revealing focally bleeding and minimally disordered proliferative phase endometrium. She was treated with luteal phase Prometrium at that time. She continued to have abnormal uterine bleeding. She underwent a second endometrial biopsy in August 2005 which showed breakdown changes. She then underwent an endometrial ablation in 2005. She continued to have abnormal uterine bleeding and was again treated with hormonal therapy with Depo-Provera in 2006.

So, in response to your denial that it is recommended that either Depo-Provera be used for six months or cyclic progesterone use for three months, this has already been done twice pre and post endometrial ablation. Endometrial ablation has been performed followed by Depo-Provera. Endometrial biopsy has been performed twice. Since she has failed hormonal therapy multiple times and conservative surgical therapy, I do believe hysterectomy is warranted at this time.

If I may answer any further questions please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

David C. Holladay, M.D.
DCH/gh

MAILED

6-19-07



LAB #: S03-12351

NAME: THOMAS, ELIZABETH
HOSP #: 002094328
ACCT#: 0316900624002
DOB: 11/25/1963 (Age: 39) F
SSN: 251-21-2567
LOC: PLR (RMH)

DOS: 6/17/2003
SURGEON: LABCORP

CHART #: LABCORP S03-2891

~~#25262~~
HOLLADAY

Specimen (source): ENDOMETRIAL BIOPSY
Clinical Data: DUB (626.8); PELVIC PAIN (625.9)

JUN 20 2003

*** A LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA PATIENT***
SURGICAL PATHOLOGY REPORT

GROSS: Endometrial biopsy -> Mucoid aggregate of fragmentary material measuring 0.8 x 0.7 x 0.4 cm; toto-1.

JM:ej06/18/2003

MICROSCOPIC: Glands and stroma are basically in phase. There are several foci with early stromal degenerative changes. Slightly clustered glands are seen but overall gland to stroma ratio considerably less than 1:1.

DIAGNOSIS:
BIOPSY OF ENDOMETRIUM:
FOCALLY BLEEDING MINIMALLY DISORDERED PROLIFERATIVE PHASE ENDOMETRIUM. (626.8)

Dr. E. L. L. Promissar 2003
6/27/03

JCR:jah06/19/03

Comment: These changes occasionally seen with anovulatory cycles.

***Electronically Signed Out By JAMES REYNOLDS MD ***

pt no h rx
(Signature)

Rx covered to
How covered
254-2043

Date: 5-22-07

Name _____
 Chart # _____
 MS. ELIZABETH THOMAS
 4600 FT. JACKSON BLVD.
 APT. #197
 COLUMBIA SC 29209

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HPI: 43yo G2P2

1033 Cedar Hill Ln

Unkown to last 2 yrs
3pc Endometrial Biopsy / Pap Smears
Ux Negative

OB-GYN HC:

CONTRACTION: ASL

OB HC: G 4 P 1 AB: 3

500 lbs, 26yrs

MENSES: 2 yrs

PAST MEDICAL HC: No Change

Medical: Upper Intest. Pain, Spont. Discharge, Chest Pain, SOB, Dizziness

Med: Dilantin / Hcty / Norvasc / Plavix / Lipg - see med. form / Dolo

Allergies: Penicillin

Surgery: CSL, Breast, Debrish, Ps. Seboid Scleroderma? 250

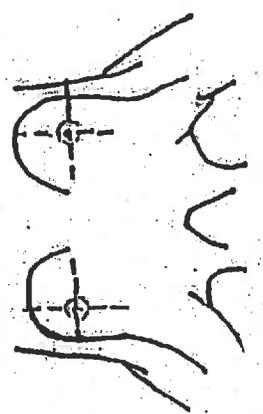
LABS: 11/05 Bx Lys, Hx

Pap: 11/05 Bx Lys, Hx

Mammogram: 12/05 Bx Lys, Hx: 8/06

PHYSICAL EXAM		HT	WT	BP	Pulse	Temp	I/M/P
Appearance	N	ABN					
Skin							
HEENT							
Thyroid							
Lymph Nodes							
GYN EXAM							
	N	ABN					

		DETAILS OF ABNORMAL		DETAILS OF ABNORMAL	
ECGUS					
Vagina					
Cervix					
Uterus					
Adnexa					
Rectum					



ASSESSMENT/PLAN

Discontinue DUB

- PMS, SBG

Discontinue US

Pt during deC. have Dr of US

CLASS I PAP SMEAR NEG 5T



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forker
Director

August 7, 2007

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The Honorable Joe Wilson
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Representative Wilson:

Thank you for the letter on behalf of your constituent, Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, regarding her medical care. The Division of Hospital Services at the Department of Health and Human Services contacted our Quality Improvement Organization, Qualis Health, to discuss this situation since it was a request for reconsideration of a procedure that had previously been denied. After Qualis reviewed additional documentation submitted by Ms. Thomas' physician, the procedure was found to be medically necessary. A letter was mailed on July 30, 2007, from Qualis notifying Ms. Thomas' attending physician of their conclusion.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused Ms. Thomas, but are pleased to have a positive resolution. If there are further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Zenovia Vaughn, Division Director for Hospital Services, at (803) 898-2665.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Melanie "BZ" Giese in blue ink.

Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN
Bureau Director for Health Services

MG/vb