

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 100335	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR C: Myers Stensland	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE 1-7-09 <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1. Cleared 1/20/09, letter attached.			
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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Attn: James Massey, R.Ph.

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Re: FOIA Request for Medicaid Billing

Dear Mr. Massey:

I am an attorney in Columbia and am researching a matter involving Medicaid billing for anti-psychotic medications. Please accept this letter as a request, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq. for the following information:

1. All amounts billed to S.C. State Medicaid by any and all wholesale pharmacy groups, including PSC, LLC and National Direct, LLC, working within the South Carolina Mental Health Centers for the years 2005 to the present for the following medications: Zyprexa (olanzapine), Risperdal (risperidone), Serquel (quetiapine), Geodon (ziprasidone), and Abilify (aripiprazole). Please provide a breakdown for each drug by each wholesale pharmacy group per month or year.
2. All amounts paid by S.C. State Medicaid to any and all wholesale pharmacy groups, including PSC, LLC and National Direct, LLC, working within the South Carolina Mental Health Centers for the years 2005 to the present for the following medications: Zyprexa (olanzapine), Risperdal (risperidone), Serquel (quetiapine), Geodon (ziprasidone), and Abilify (aripiprazole). Please provide a breakdown for each drug by each wholesale pharmacy group per month or year.

I am sending a copy of this FOIA request to the Freedom of Information Officer of DHHS, in case you are not the correct contact person to handle this request. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me.

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Thank you in advance for your timely response to this request.

Sincerely yours,



David E. Rothstein

✓ cc: Freedom of Information Officer, SC DHHS



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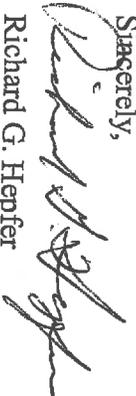
Re: Request for Information

Dear Mr. Rothstein:

Today is the fifteenth working day from our receipt of your request, and I apologize that I have not yet been able to get the information for you in the form that you requested. I anticipate that I should be able to send you the information on National Direct Home Pharmacy and PSC Medsupply, LLC next week. We do not have a way to identify providers that you might consider "wholesale pharmacy groups," but we would be happy to pull data for any provider you identify.

In any case, here is what I have been able to get so far, and the breakdown by year should be available next week. I will enclose an invoice when I send the remaining information.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My direct is (803) 898-2791.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Mike Blakely, Pharmacy Services

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