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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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1. LOG NUMBER 000480	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>1-30-07</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaveland 1/31/07, letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Office of Senator Danny Verdin, III
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Department of Health & Human Services
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To: Bryan Kost

From: Vivian McDowell

Fax: 898-4515

Pages: 2 (including cover)

Re: Request for Assistance

Date: 1.22.07

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Hi Bryan,

I am forwarding you a letter Senator Verdin received regarding his constituent Chad Burrell, Jr. Anything you can do to assist him will be most appreciated. Please let me know if I need to provide additional information.

Thanks,

Vivian

Sandra Pritchard
121 Bismark Drive
Pelzer, S.C. 29669 - 8700

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January 14, 2007

S.C. Senator Daniel B. Verdin
604 Gressette Bldg.
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

CC:
U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham
U.S. Senator Jim W. Demint
U.S. Representative Bob Inglis
S.C. Representative Eric M. Bedingfield

Dear Senator Verdin,

I am writing in regards to an urgent request. I am a respite care provider for my grandson Chad Burrell, Jr. Chad is 9 years old and has cerebral palsy. He is unable to walk or sit independently therefore, he is totally dependant on his caregiver for mobility. I care for Chad on a regular basis in my home which is certified by Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs. Chad's parents are divorced and his father has custody of him. Chad stays in our home one third to one half of the time.

My problem is getting him in and out of the house. Chad weighs approximately 60 pounds. To get him in the house I must carry him up 2 flights of stairs. The height of my home requires a lift because a ramp is not practical. GCDSN had this issue assessed recently and the result was a recommendation for a platform lift at the back entrance. We have been waiting for months to get approval for the lift. Because it is equipment that could be moved to another location if needed I believe it can be categorized as assistive technology. If the lift is purchased under this category it would not exhaust Chad's lifetime Medicaid allowance for home modifications. The lift will cost approximately \$12,000. Chad's lifetime cap for home modifications is \$7,500.

Please help us get this approval. Carrying him up and down 2 flights of stairs is very dangerous. Also if we had an easier way to get Chad out he could enjoy more of the outdoors. Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Sandra Pritchard and Chad Burrell, Jr.





State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Robert M. Kerr
Director

January 31, 2007

The Honorable Daniel B. Verdin
Post Office Box 142
604 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Verdin:

Thank you for forwarding the letter you received from Ms. Sandra Pritchard to our agency for review and response. Ms. Pritchard's grandson receives services through a waiver program administered by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). We contacted DDSN and forwarded Ms. Pritchard's letter to them in order to address the home modifications that are being considered.

Thank you for your support of the Medicaid program to ensure access to quality services for South Carolina's Medicaid beneficiaries. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Kerr", written over the printed name of the Director.

Robert M. Kerr
Director

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