

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

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO	DATE
<i>Bowling/FOIA</i>	<i>9-19-06</i>

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER  <b>000253</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <i>cc: Singleton, Stensland Cleared 10/9/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action DATE DUE <i>10-3-06</i>

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
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From: "Ken Kramer" <datasearch@earthlink.net>  
To: <info@dhs.state.sc.us>  
Date: 9/17/2006 9:28:23 PM  
Subject: Re: Public Records Request - South Carolina Medicaid

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**RECEIVED**

Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Mr. Kerr,  
What is the ETA on the public records I have requested?

Sincerely,

Ken Kramer  
----- Original Message -----  
From: Ken Kramer  
To: info@dhs.state.sc.us  
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 12:47 PM  
Subject: Public Records Request - South Carolina Medicaid

FOIA

Dear Mr. Kerr,

This is a request for public records. Please provide an electronic copy of:

All fields available on children 18 and under in Medicaid, prescribed psychotropic medication for the year 2005, including but not limited to age, race, sex, drug name, date of prescription, cost of each prescription, dosage, "disorder" being "treated", county, city, prescribing doctor and doctor license number.

Psychotropic is defined as all anti-psychotic, anti-depressant, anti-anxiety, anti-convulsants, and ADHD type drugs.

Please note: This request is for ALL FIELDS. Not just those listed above.

If you deem any of the requested public records exempt from public records law, please provide an appropriate statutory citation authorizing the exemption.

Sincerely,

Ken Kramer  
15 Turner St. #1  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Jos. Bowling

"FOIA"

cc: Sam Letton  
Stensland



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

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Robert M. Kerr  
Director

**TO:**  
**FROM:**  
**SUBJECT:** Cost of Processing FOIA Request

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received and processed your FOIA request. The cost for processing this information is as follows:

Staff processing time at \$10.00 per hour	_____ Hours	\$ _____
Pages copied at \$.10 per page	_____ Pages	\$ _____
Pages faxed at \$.20 per page	_____ Pages	\$ _____
Shipping and Handling Costs		\$ _____
Other costs associated with the FOIA request:	_____	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount Due SCDHHS:</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

Please remit the above amount to the following address:

Bureau of Fiscal Affairs  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8355  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8355

Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ should you have any questions.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance and Administration  
P. O. Box 8206 Columbia South Carolina 29202-8206  
(803) 898-2503 Fax (803) 898-4515



State of South Carolina  
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 253  
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Mark Sanford  
Governor

Robert M. Kerr  
Director

October 9, 2006

Mr. Ken Kramer  
15 Turner Street, # 1  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Dear Mr. Kramer:

This is in response to your request for public records. Your request is summarized as follows:

*Electronic copy of all fields available on children 18 and under in Medicaid, prescribed psychotropic medication for the year 2005, including but not limited to age, race, sex, drug name, date of prescription, cost of each prescription, dosage, "disorder" being "treated", county, city, prescribing doctor and doctor license number.*

The information that you have requested is not kept in the normal course of agency operations. This report would have to be custom-created, and there would be a cost associated with the creation of the report. Because of the large number of data elements requested, it appears to us that the confidentiality of individuals might be compromised. The rules under which we operate the Medicaid program in South Carolina require us to safeguard beneficiary information. Therefore, we believe that the information, as you requested it, is exempt from release under §30-4-40(2) & (4) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

It is unclear in your email if your request is related to research. If your request is needed for research, you can visit our web site to download an application. The application can be found at <http://www.dhhs.state.sc.us/dhhsnew/Resourcelibrary/Medicaid%20Data%20Requests.asp>. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has a data review committee that meets regularly and reviews data applications for research. Based on your email, it does not appear this request would be approved as submitted; however, you are welcome to submit a request. Once your application is received, the Data Review Committee will review the application and make a decision or suggest an alternate approach. You will be notified of the status of the application at that time.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to call Mr. Kevin Rogers at (803) 898-2812.

Sincerely,

*Susan B. Bowling*  
Susan B. Bowling  
Deputy Director

SBB/rm