

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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August 5, 2011

Mr. Sam Waldrep
Deputy Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

RE: Excalibur Youth Services, LLC d/b/a Venice PRTF and Avalonia Group Homes
Inc. d/b/a Hampton PRTF

Dear Mr. Waldrep:

As you may be aware, the two facilities referenced above have appealed the Agency's decision to recoup amounts related to reimbursement for non-psychotropic medications. In preparation for the hearing, we need to obtain certain information from SCHHS. As a result, under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the following information:

Any documents maintained by SCHHS related to calculation of rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, particularly beginning with the year 2007 and continuing to present day. The documents requested include

- Actuarial data used for calculating the rates
- Information and/or documentation addressing consideration or lack of consideration of non-psychotropic drugs in the calculation of those rates
- Any medical information or documentation used in calculating the rates
- Internal and external communications, including electronic communications, related to calculation of the rates
- Any information that establishes that the SCHHS specifically included non-psychotropic medication in its initial calculation of the rates

We are not certain how much information this request will entail, so I would make one suggestion that I hope you will consider. If the Agency will make the documents available to us at your office for our review, we can inspect them and designate those we need for copies. That may save time and expense. We will, of course, pay the reasonable costs of this request, but I also ask that the Agency let me know in advance what those costs will be so that we can determine whether the scope of our request is appropriate or not.

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As always, we very much appreciate your willingness to work with us on this and so many other issues. We are very interested in discussing with the Agency this issue and how we may be able to arrive at a more appropriate rate that would actually take into account the costs of these medications. We now have experience with those costs and could assist SCHHS in determining how they should fit in the rate going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lewis F. Gossett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lewis" being more prominent and the last name "Gossett" following in a similar style.

Lewis F. Gossett
Attorney for Excalibur Youth Services, LLC
d/b/a Venice PRTF and Avalonia Group
Homes Inc. d/b/a Hampton PRTF

329 Amstar Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
803-608-1373



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 \$ _____

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Total Amount Due SCDHHS: \$ _____

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Bureau of Fiscal Affairs

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8297
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact _____ should you have any questions.

Signature

Date:

Log # 000081



South Carolina Department of
Health & Human Services

Anthony E. Keck, Director
Nikki R. Haley, Governor

October 19, 2011

Mr. Lewis F. Gossett
Attorney at Law
329 Amstar Rd.
Columbia, SC 29212

Re: Venice and Hampton PRTF

Dear Mr. Gossett:

This is a follow-up to our letter of September 6, 2011, in response to your FOIA request regarding the calculation of rates for these facilities. I again apologize for the delay. The enclosed documents are spreadsheets abstracted from 1997 cost reports, which themselves were apparently not retained by the agency. For your convenience, I have also enclosed the relevant pages of the State Plan.

The spreadsheets were located in the area of the agency responsible for reimbursement methodology. We asked the chief of that bureau to review all of the PRTF-related documents, and he isolated the spreadsheets enclosed that were actually used to determine the rates. You may now review all of the documents in the notebooks, but, previously, you would not have been able to pick out the documents that were actually used to determine the rates.

Furthermore, as the responsible staff did not remember any communications regarding the inclusion or not of non-psychotropic drugs in the rates, we did not search other areas of the agency, nor electronic communications. However, we would be happy to do so, and estimate that the cost would be around \$250.

The cost for extracting and mailing this information is Forty-two and thirty-eight hundredths dollars (\$42.38). Please make your check out to the agency and send it to:

Department of Health and Human Services
Department of Receivables
Post Office Box 8355
Columbia, SC 29202-8355

Please let us have a few days advance notice, if you would like to review the notebooks. Also, please contact me if I may answer any questions. My direct is (803) 898-2791.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Bruce Carter
Jeff Saxon