

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

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000489</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Letter signed by Ms. Farhan attached, dated 3/25/09</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
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February 24, 2009

Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
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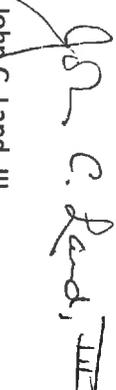
Dear Ms. Forkner:

I appreciate your initiative to revitalize the Diabetic Mail Order service for South Carolina Medicaid. This industry has been allowed to decline in the last few weeks and at the expense of those patients who need help in their medical care the most.

The industry must be allowed to prosper, especially in these tough economic times, as obtaining diabetic supplies can become very difficult for many Medicaid recipients. If I can aid you in this endeavor, please let me know.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,


John C. Land, III
Senate District #36

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March 25, 2009

The Honorable John C. Land, III
Post Office Box 142
513 Gressette Senate Office Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-0142

Dear Senator Land:

Thank you for your letter supporting our efforts to include a diabetic mail order service in South Carolina Medicaid's coverage of diabetic test strips and meters. Our preferred diabetic meters and strips program allows us to provide our beneficiaries with a quality product, while also generating savings for the State through rebates.

The Agency has met on two occasions with representatives of DME diabetic strip providers and is aware of their concerns. We are interested in finding a solution which meets the needs of our beneficiaries, is responsive to the decreased funding available to state agencies, and is sensitive to the needs of our provider partners. We have requested that they submit proposed changes to the current program for review. After an internal review of any submitted proposals, we will schedule another meeting to discuss options if warranted.

I hope this information is helpful to you. I appreciate your offer of assistance in support of this program. Should you need anything further, please contact me or Mr. Charles "Mike" Blakely, Team Leader of Pharmacy and Durable Medical Equipment Services, at (803) 898-2872. Your continued support of the Medicaid program is acknowledged and appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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