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TO: Robert Kern

FROM: Sara Snell

DATE: 9.25.06

COMMENTS: Please see the attached. Thank you.

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Mr. Robert Kerr
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RE: Trinette Ferrell
137 Monterey Avenue
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Dear Robert:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, Trinette Ferrell, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Ms. Ferrell.

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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 <>Yes, I would like a written response.</>
 <MSG>Dear Honorable Senator Graham,

I am requesting your assistance in getting out of the "welfare system."

A couple years ago I was forced to quit my job in order to provide 24/7 care for my son, Hunter. Hunter has a large number of challenges due to a brain malformation. I was eventually able to obtain the nursing services needed to care for Hunter so I can go to school. I will graduate March 2007.

This is the dilemma: (1) Hunter currently has SSI Medicaid with the MR/RD Waiver (the Waiver pays for the nursing services; also his eligibility is based on my income). (2) When I graduate and begin work, Hunter will lose SSI Medicaid but will be eligible for TERRA Medicaid (based on his income). The problem is the waiver -- it will not transfer.

I've talked to everyone possible with DDSN and TERRA. Each department refers me to the other. The answers I'm receiving are completely irrelevant to the question. The information on the TERRA website indicates that I will have to apply for a different waiver. However, unless the current waiver can transfer, applying for another waiver is another two year wait.

One would think something is in place to allow this transfer of benefits. Please help me to locate the individual or department that can help me accomplish this task.

I would much rather be a contributing member of society. I would also like to have the means of buying a home for myself and my son.

I deeply appreciate all you do for families. It's good to know we have someone working for us instead of a personal agenda. God bless and thank you for your time and effort in this matter. </MSG>

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 271



Mark Sanford
Governor

Robert M. Kerr
Director

October 23, 2006

Ms. Trinette Ferrell
137 Monterey Avenue
Belvedere, South Carolina 29841

Dear Ms. Ferrell:

We have received a copy of the correspondence you sent to Senator Graham concerning your son's Medicaid eligibility and enrollment in the Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities (MR/RD) home and community-based waiver program. Through your conversation with Mr. George Maky of my staff, I understand you are concerned about Hunter continuing to receive nursing services after you graduate and return to the workforce in early 2007.

The primary elements for enrollment in the MR/RD waiver program involve meeting the Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) level of care criteria and Medicaid financial eligibility. We contacted the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN) and were advised that Hunter meets the level of care criteria and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future.

Medicaid Eligibility staff advised that Hunter will continue to meet Medicaid financial eligibility until his Social Security status changes. At that time, you will be notified by the Social Security Administration to contact the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to apply for benefits. Upon receipt and approval of the application, barring a change in his financial situation, it appears Hunter would meet program eligibility criteria under the Medicaid payment category of TTEFRA, which would enable him to continue in the waiver program with no break in services.

You will need to communicate your impending status change with your SCDDSN Service Coordinator. With the proper coordination and communication, there should not be a change in Hunter's participation in the MR/RD waiver program.

We wish you success in the completion of your studies and in finding full employment. If you have questions, please contact Kara Lewis at (803) 898-2710.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Deputy Director

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cc: Ms. Kim Gorsage, DDSN