

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>3-30-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOC NUMBER <i>100534</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. Forlner cleared 4/3/09, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>4-8-09</i> DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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LINDSEY O. GRAHAM
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UNITED STATES SENATE

March 24, 2009

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, 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 the individual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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<APP>SCCMAIL
<PREFIX>Ms</PREFIX>
<FIRST>Brittany</FIRST>
<LAST>Smith</LAST>
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<ISSUE>HEA</ISSUE>
>> Yes, I would like a written response.</>
<MSG> I am concerned with what I am suppose to do about my children having health insurance. I received a statement in the mail saying that my childrens medicaid will be canceled as of March 1, 2009 due to my fiance making too much money. He makes \$900.00/week but if he made too much, don't you think we could afford to pay for insurance for both of our kids. Our bills each week are over \$800.00 after we pay the daycares, my school- so that I can better myself to eventually be able to pay for my kids insurance, electricity, rent, car insurances, water, etc.. I'm not sure how they base it on what you make instead of how much you have after the bills are paid. There are people out there that are capable of working, but choose not to and they get over on the system with EBT, Welfare checks, medicaid, etc. and I am trying to better myself and my finance is working 72 hours a week killing himself to do right for our family, but we can't seem to get any kind of assistance. !
Not to mention he just told me today that his hours are getting cut to 55hr/week. I think the system is a little messed up and I need some kind of help with this. I am a full-time student and mother of two girls and we live check to check and it is very hard, but most importantly my kids NEED health insurance and right now we can barely afford to pay for groceries, much less health insurance. I would greatly appreciate a response and your help. </MSG>
>>please enter your zip code in the format 12345 or 12345-1234.</>
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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

April 3, 2009

Mrs. Brittany Smith
108 Schoonover Drive
Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Dear Mrs. Smith:

US Senator Lindsey Graham asked our agency to respond to your concerns about Medicaid eligibility and your children's healthcare needs.

Your children's Medicaid coverage under the Partners for Healthy Children program ended March 1, 2009, because your family income, at the time of review, exceeded the allowable limit. Income is based on gross earnings and does not allow deductions for taxes, utilities, car payments or other living expenses.

Fortunately, your children, Alyssa and Harlee, will continue to receive Medicaid without any breaks in coverage. You have been approved for Medicaid under the Low Income Families program effective March 1, 2009. The same Medicaid cards may be used.

If your living situation or income changes, please report those changes to Ms. Beggs immediately so that she may review your eligibility as appropriate. Ms. Beggs can be reached at (843) 740-5947.

If you have other questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Jenny Lynch in Constituent Services at (803) 898-3965. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs".

Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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