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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry - Modern Healthcare (Virgil Dickson)

OK, thanks – and for the parking spot info as well.

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Just FYI. We avg about 1/day. Just as likely national vs SC-specific

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Virgil Dickson of Modern Healthcare has sent a media inquiry regarding CMS' mandate the Medicaid cover Autism treatment for all individuals under 21.

He wants to know

- How SC feels about the change?
- Does the state fear this could put its Medicaid program at financial risk due to its expense?
- How much will it cost to do this?
- What was Medicaid's coverage policy before this mandate related to autism?
- How will it change?
- What is the size and scope of the covered population and the symptom range?
- What is the range of covered treatments?

He included a link to an NPR story on the issue that was posted yesterday.

NPR story: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/08/26/343206636/federal-officials-order-medicaid-to-cover-autism-services>

He is looking for a response by 2est Thursday August 28.

Can we accommodate this request?

Thank you.

Colleen

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