

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

**ACTION REFERRAL**

<b>TO</b> Singleton	<b>DATE</b> January 2, 2009
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<b>DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY</b>	<b>ACTION REQUESTED</b>
1. LOG NUMBER 000357	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR Cleared 1/14/09, letter attached to [Signature]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ N FOIA DATE DUE 1-16-08
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

<b>APPROVALS</b> (Only when prepared for director's signature)	<b>APPROVE</b>	<b>* DISAPPROVE</b> (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	<b>COMMENT</b>
1.	Brenda,		
2.	Rick Hepler		
3.	needed this legal		
	to their client,		
	As I did it. Thanks		
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**From:** Rick Hepfer  
**To:** Sam waldrep  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: DDSN

>>> Sam waldrep 12/19/2008 10:10 PM >>>  
Are you in on Monday, Rick, to talk about this?

>>> "Patricia L Harrison" <plh.colga@worldnet.att.net> 12/19/2008 5:13 PM >>>  
Sam, has HHS reduced the rate it pays DDSN for MR/RD Medicaid services? DDSN has ordered waiver providers to reduce their reimbursement rate by 1% How can they reduce the reimbursement rate if HHS has not reduced its reimbursement to DDSN? I'm confused. *Rate Reduction?*

Please provide me with a list of reductions HHS has made to MR/RD waiver and ICF/MR services.

Also, please provide me the amounts HHS paid DDSN for PDD services and for the new beds that were funded by the legislature in 06, 07 and 08. Specifically, I'm requesting pursuant to FOIA, the federal payments for PDD and the new beds for these years. *Requesting Services*

I am also requesting any memos, correspondence, e mails or other communications between HHS and the Governor related to the LAC audit. This request is also being made pursuant to FOIA and I'm copying Rick Hepfer as the FOIA attorney. *Can we know how PDD is*

Thanks. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Trisha



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Director

January 14, 2009

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Re: Service Reductions and LAC Audit Communications

Dear Ms. Harrison:

This is in response to the FOIA request incorporated in your 12/19/08 e-mail to Sam Waldrep. The PDD figures you requested in that e-mail were also mentioned in a 12/11/08 letter to the Department's Director and Commissioner Hunter of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), and those figures have been provided.

- 1) I have inquired of the appropriate area within the agency, and am unable to determine that there are any current reductions in the service allowed under the MIR/RD Waiver or within ICF/MR facilities.
- 2) I have also been unable to locate, upon inquiry and search in the likely areas of the Department, any communications between HHS and the Governor's Office related to the LAC Audit (on DDSN).

The cost for the staff time in attempting to locate this information was fifteen and no hundredths dollar (\$15.00). Please make the check payable to the Department of Health and Human Services and send it to:

Department of Health and Human Services  
Department of Receivables  
Post Office Box 8297  
Columbia, SC 29202-8355

As always, thank you for your interest in these matters, and please contact me if you have any questions. My direct is 898-2791.

Sincerely,

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