


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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>January 2, 2009</i>
------------------------	--------------------------------

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000357</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE <i>1-16-08</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 1/14/09, letter attached & </i>			

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

*Brenda,
Rick Hepler
needed this log
to finish check,
so I did it. Thanks*

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.coia@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. *Pat Harrison?*

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. *My request is correct*

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 public*

Thanks. I hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Trisha

Log # 000357



State of South Carolina

Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

January 14, 2009

Patricia L. Harrison
Attorney at Law
611 Holly Street
Columbia, SC 29205

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Hepfer".

Richard G. Hepfer
Deputy General Counsel

cc: Sam Waldrep, LTC & Family Services
Lynette Wilson, Receivables

Office of General Counsel
P. O. Box 8206 Columbia South Carolina 29202-8206
(803) 898-2795 Fax (803) 255-8210