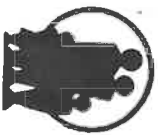


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Marion Burton, MD
P.O. Box 8206
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Dear Dr. Burton:

I am requesting additional visits for Mr. Benjamin Duncan (DOB 6/24/43). Mr. Duncan is a resident of the Georgetown Healthcare and Rehabilitation Skilled Nursing Facility. He has been on chronic hemodialysis for ESRD for many years and has severe chronic lung disease requiring continued oxygen therapy. Ben's condition has gradually deteriorated, and he has required hospitalizations by his nephrologists, mainly for sepsis and exacerbation of his lung disease. This has necessitated more frequent visits by me in the Nursing Home.

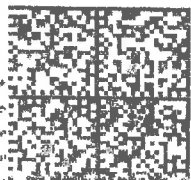
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Lance A. Duvall, MD, CMD

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July 18, 2006

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Re: Benjamin Duncan

Dear Dr. Duvall:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support three (3) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits. Adult Medicaid beneficiaries are allowed twelve (12) physician office visits beginning July 1st of each year. Attending physicians can request additional visits only when these initial twelve (12) are exhausted for medically necessary care

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

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