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FAX FROM: Judith Kammer

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Dear Dr. Burton

Regarding your letter of Oct. 27 2009
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CONFIRMATION REQUESTED: YES NO

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Is your letter of Oct 27 a final denial
or is this matter being reviewed further
and if so by whom? As we only have 30 days
to appeal after final denial I need this information
ASAP.
Thank you, Judith Kammer

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South Carolina Department of
Health & Human Services



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October 27, 2009

Judith H. Kammer
Office Manager
Pee Dee Neurosurgical Service
305 E. Cheves St., Suite 300
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Re: Review of SC Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS)
Denials

Dear Ms. Kammer,

Thank you for the follow-up correspondence related to this matter. I have reviewed the clinical documentation pertinent to these cases and have determined that each of them was medically necessary and appropriate clinical care was rendered. Even with this attestation, the agency indicates that payment cannot be provided for these services because no prior authorization was obtained.

* SC DHHS is reviewing this entire matter to ascertain if any further consideration is appropriate.

With the uncertainty of the above, your next step could be to appeal directly to the hearing and appeals office at SC DHHS. You may reach them by calling 803-898-2580 and asking for that extension. Normally, Brenda James answers this phone line and can direct you to the appropriate office. Feel free to use this letter confirming the appropriateness of this care.

If I can help in any further regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 803-898-2580 or 803-255-3400. I regret that I was unable to receive a more favorable response. Perhaps an appeal will have a different outcome.

Sincerely,



O. Marion Burton, M.D.
Medical Director

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December 1, 2009

Judith H. Kammer
Office Manager
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Dear Ms. Kammer:

Thank you for your further correspondence regarding this matter and I regret that the wording was confusing. What I was trying to convey is that in spite of my attestation to the Agency that this care was medically necessary the Agency will not pay ~~the~~ ^{these} claim[s] because its policy requires prior authorization for payment. The reason for my second statement regarding the entire matter being reviewed by SC DHHS was because another provider of these procedures with similar circumstances as yours has appealed to the Agency. If the other provider succeeds in their appeal and overturns the Agency's decision to not pay these claims, then other providers [including Pee Dee Neurosurgical Service] will also be paid for these services.

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My letter is in no way a final denial. It does mean that the Agency policy will not allow payment for these services because you did not obtain prior authorization. Your next step would either be to appeal these cases yourself as I indicated in my prior correspondence, ~~The other option~~ ^{to} await the outcome of the other providers appeal.

If you would like to discuss this further please call me at 803-898-2580 or 803-255-3400. Again, I regret that I was unable to receive a more favorable response.

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O. Marion Burton, MD
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December 7, 2009

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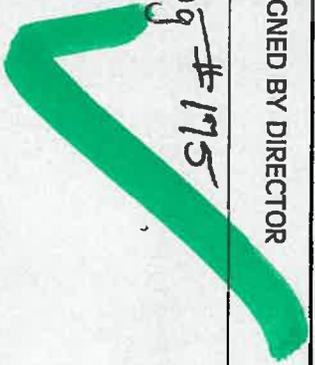


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