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RE: Susan Booker  
DOB: 12/25/59  
Medicaid ID #: 9164028601

JUL 17 2006  
Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a request for additional visits for my patient Susan Booker.

Ms. Booker has been diagnosed with Pernicious Anemia, Neuropathic Pain, Cervical Spondylosis, Spinal Stenosis, Herniated Nucleus Pulposus, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease, and Osteoarthritis. She also has a history of chronic foot pain and chronic neck pain.

Ms. Booker's multiple medical problems warrant close medical monitoring to ensure a continuum of patient care. Her hemoglobin levels require close monitoring. She continues to have problems with her many medical needs and requires close monitoring.

Ms. Booker has been referred several specialists for her multiple problems. She has been referred to a neurosurgeon, Dr. Bremen, 901 East Cheves Street Florence, SC 29506, regarding the Cervical Spondylosis, Spinal Stenosis, and Herniated Nucleus Pulposus. She has been referred to a neurologist, Dr. Shijin Pan, 212 Swift Creek Road Hartsville, SC, 29550, regarding the neuropathic pain. She has also been referred to a podiatrist, Dr. Richard Bunnell, 701 Medical Park Drive Hartsville, SC 29550, regarding foot pain.

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Due to her many medical problems, Ms. Booker would benefit from at least three (3) additional visits. She has already incurred one (1) visit beyond her allotted twelve (12) annual visits through Medicaid. The approval for additional visits will allow for a continuum of patient care that may not be possible otherwise.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please notify my office.

Sincerely,

William A. Davis, Jr., DO

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July 24, 2006

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Re: Susan Booker

Dear Dr. Davis:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support five (5) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,

*Marion Burton*

O. Marion Burton, MD  
Medical Director

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