

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Bowling</i>	DATE <i>11/27/06</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000373</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>11/27/06</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>12/6/06</i>
<i>cc: Kerr</i> <i>Closed 11/19/07, letter attached.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action	

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Dr. Bruce A. Holdorf
AIKEN FAMILY DENTAL, PA

November 22, 2006

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Robert M Kerr - Director
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Mr. Kerr:

Since graduating dental school in 1991, I have been a Medicaid provider. The children and adults of 3 counties surrounding our practice have received the best care with the best medicaments money can buy. The past six years alone, Aiken Family Dental, PA has had to adjust off \$300,000.00. In 2006, from January through October, we have adjusted off \$40,000.00. At this time our practice has over 2000 Medicaid patients of record. I cannot continue to suffer these financial losses. How will these children obtain quality dental care since there are so few providers in this area? I do not expect the state to reimburse my practice 300,000.00. However, I do expect you to contact me as soon as possible to find a solution to this burden.

Respectfully,

Bruce Holdorf DMD.
Medicaid provider# Z311118

CC: Governor Mark Sanford



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Robert M. Kerr
Director

January 9, 2007

Bruce A. Holdorf, DDS
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Post Office Box 1057
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Dear Dr. Holdorf:

Thank you for your letter regarding Medicaid reimbursement and access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries in Aiken County. We appreciate your commitment to providing quality dental care.

We have worked collaboratively with the South Carolina Dental Association and the public health agency for many years to address access to dental care and provider reimbursement issues. In January 2000, a rate increase for dental services was implemented. The number of Medicaid enrolled dental providers increased significantly subsequent to this increase. We currently have twenty dental providers enrolled in Aiken County.

An analysis of South Carolina's Medicaid fee schedule for dental services was recently completed that included a comparison of South Carolina's rates to Medicaid reimbursement in other southeastern states. We were pleased to find that South Carolina's reimbursement ranks in the top percentile of those states.

We appreciate your participation in the South Carolina Medicaid program. It is my understanding that you have a meeting with Ms. Shirley Carrington on January 12, 2007, to further address the issues outlined in your letter. If you need additional information prior to the meeting, you may contact Ms. Carrington at (803) 898-2655.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Deputy Director

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