

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>7-11-08</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000022</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____		
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved 7/24/08, letter attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-22-08</i>		
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JOE WILSON

2ND DISTRICT, South Carolina

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

July 10, 2008

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Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Health & Human Services
1801 Main Street, PO Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: Ms. Heather Spence
1910 Crapps Ave
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Ms. Forkner,

I am writing to you on behalf of the above named constituent who has contacted me regarding a problem with obtaining health insurance for her family.

Enclosed is a letter from Ms. Spence further explaining her concerns. Any assistance that you could provide would be appreciated. Thank you for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Please respond to the Midlands District Office at 1700 Sunset Blvd., Suite 1, West Columbia, South Carolina 29169. It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

Very truly yours,

Joe Wilson

JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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Coeffield, JoAnn

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Sent: Tuesday, July 01, 2008 4:17 PM
To: Coeffield, JoAnn
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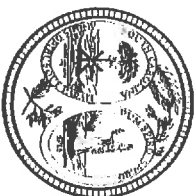
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Date: 6/17/2008 3:06:45 PM
Subject: IMA MAIL ON GEN

Hi Mr. Wilson. My name is Heather Spence, and I am writing you today concerning the well being of my family, as well as families like us. My husband and I have two wonderful children, mackenzie, 6, and Aidan, 4. We are blessed to have family who helps out with what they can. However, my husband and I are uneligable for medicaid for ourselves, or food stamps for our family. Please understand that we are not looking for handouts. My husband works full time, and I work part time and attend college. We are faithful at our church and our jobs, but most importantly, to our children. We live in a very small space, but are grateful. we would like to find something better, but are afraid of costs. My son has many medical issues that cause us to miss out on work sometimes. He struggled to live his first year, and so every extra day is a blessing to us. It is very difficult. However, we want our children to strive and succeed, because both deserve i and are very intelligent.

My husband has a heart condition. However, he has not ben able to attend a check up in several years, due to no insurance coverage. We, like many others, cannot afford insurance and groceries too, so we choose to feed our family. Please, if there is anything that you can do to help us, we would appreciate it. I know we are just one family out of thousands that probably write you everyday. I know that you probably don't even read these personally. But I believe that God will allow you to read this, and maybe it will touch your heart. Our kids deserve a great childhood. Please help us give them that.

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<PREFIX>Mrs.</PREFIX>
<FIRST>Heather</FIRST>
<MIDDLE>A</MIDDLE>
<LAST>Spence</LAST>
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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
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Emma Forkner
Director

July 24, 2008

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Heather Spence regarding assistance with her family's healthcare and daily living needs.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Spence regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. We provided Ms. Smith with information on other programs and organizations that can assist with her family's healthcare services, prescriptions and inpatient hospitalization expenses, as well as, contact information on groups that may be able to assist with their living expenses.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner", is written over a horizontal line.

Emma Forkner
Director

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Log # 0032

State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

July 23, 2008

Ms. Heather Spence
1910 Crapps Avenue
West Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Ms. Spence:

Congressman Joe Wilson contacted our agency on your behalf regarding assistance with your family's healthcare and financial needs.

Your family's income is above the allowable limit for you and your husband to be eligible under Medicaid's Low Income Families program. Income is based on gross earnings and does not allow deductions for taxes, utilities, car payments or other living expenses. Fortunately, your children remain covered under our Partner's for Healthy Children program.

Mr. Spence may qualify for our Working Disabled program, which provides Medicaid benefits to individuals who are under age 65, disabled, working and whose countable income is below \$4,417 (for a family of four). Please keep in mind that he must meet the Social Security definition of disability. If he chooses to apply, please have him complete the enclosed application and return it to the Division of Policy and Planning, Post Office Box 2364, Columbia, SC 29202.

An alternate health insurance option through AugeoBenefits offers a variety of health insurance plans from top-rated insurance carriers, some of which offer coverage for people with preexisting conditions. You may wish to look over the enclosed brochure and contact them at 1-866-273-5613 or visit their website at www.augeobenefits.com/sc to see if they can assist your family.

For possible assistance with your rent and utility bills, please contact Wateree Community Actions, Inc. at (803) 775-4354. Enclosed is information on programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their prescription medications and healthcare services. If you have any questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Jennifer Lynch at (803) 898-3965, and she will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Alicia Jacobs
Acting Deputy Director

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Enclosures