

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs/Clawley</i>	DATE <i>9/17/09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000135</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>9/24/09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Emma Jacobs</i> <i>Cleared 9/23/09, letter attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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TO: <i>Ms Emma Fekner, Director</i>		DATE: <i>9/17</i>	
COMPANY: <i>SC DHS</i>		NO. OF PAGES, INCLUDING COVER: <i>3</i>	
FAX NUMBER: <i>803-255-8235</i>		SENDER'S PHONE NUMBER:	
PHONE NUMBER:		(864) 233-5366	
RE: <i>Bentley Appeal</i>		SENDER'S FAX NUMBER: (864) 271-8901	
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Please review and advise. I look forward to your response.

Best regards

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September 17, 2009

Ms. Emma Forkner

Director

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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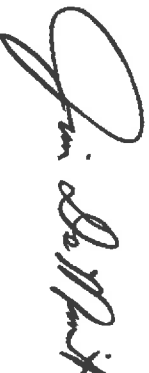
Dear Friend,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Tina M. Bentley, about her request for reconsideration of their original denial of benefits. Enclosed is a signed Privacy Act Release for your review.

Mrs. Bentley has informed me of their appeal to your recent denial for benefits. They have sent new information to their case manager to consider, showing the Bentleys' loss of much of their income over the course of 2009. I would greatly appreciate your addressing the questions and concerns mentioned in Mrs. Bentley's correspondence, with respect to governing rules and regulations. I have assured Tina that I would write to emphasize my interest in her case and to help obtain a reply from your office.

Thank you for your help. Please feel free to call Seth of my staff at 864-233-5366 if you have any questions or need additional information. I look forward to your prompt reply to our Greenville office.

Sincerely,



Jim DeMint
United States Senator

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The Office of U.S. Senator Jim DeMint

Privacy Act Release Form

Please complete the information below and mail or fax this form with any supporting documentation to one of the following three state offices in South Carolina.

Charleston

Senator Jim DeMint
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Greenville

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am aware that the Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of personal information without my approval. I, Tina Marie Bentley, do hereby authorize Senator Jim DeMint and/or his staff to access the information necessary to assist me.

Signature:

Jonâ Nair Bentley

Name:

Lina Marie Bentley

Address:

131 Chesnee Hwy
Spartanburg, SC 29303

Telephone:

864.699.9668

Social Security No.:

460.39.9417

Brief explanation of situation: We are expecting a baby in December

2009 who has several heart defects. We are applying for Medicaid benefits as we do not have maternity insurance and have been denied Medicaid coverage.

Are you currently or have you previously received assistance in this situation from another Senator or Member of Congress?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If Yes, which Member?



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

September 23, 2009

The Honorable Jim DeMint
United States Senate
105 North Springs Street
Suite 109
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Dear Senator DeMint:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Ms. Tina Bentley regarding her Medicaid eligibility and healthcare needs.

A member of my staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Bentley. Our Spartanburg County Medicaid Office is currently working with Ms. Bentley, and we will notify her once a decision has been made. She was also given the name and phone number of a staff person in our Constituent Services Division should she have questions in the future.

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,

Emma Forkner
Director

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September 23, 2009

Ms. Tina Bentley
731 Chesnee Highway
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303

Dear Ms. Bentley:

US Senator Jim DeMint asked our agency to assist with your questions regarding Medicaid eligibility.

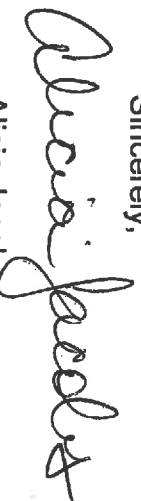
Our records indicate that you applied for Medicaid's Optional Coverage for (Pregnant) Women & Infants (OCWI) program on August 19, 2009. You were assumptively approved for the months of August 1, 2009 through October 1, 2009. Assumptive eligibility is given to pregnant women at the time of application so they may access prenatal care as quickly as possible. Your assumptive eligibility will end on October 1, 2009 because your income exceeded the allowable limit.

Our Spartanburg County Medicaid office is currently reassessing your eligibility for our OCWI program because you stated your household income has changed since your last application. We cannot make an eligibility decision until we receive a statement from your CPA regarding the 2nd quarter wages of 2009. If you have any questions regarding the requested information please contact Ms. Terrell Jones at (864) 596-2714 Ext. 112. Once the income verification is received, we will notify you with our decision.

We have also enclosed information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare services, prescriptions, inpatient hospitalization and daily living expenses.

If you have additional questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Sheila Chavis in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2707. We hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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