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Dear Whom this may concern,

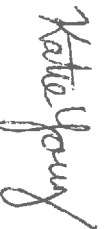
I am writing to you in response to the recent Medicaid Bulletin sent on December 14, 2010. As a United States citizen, I understand the government deficit is a huge and significant problem, one that needs a big look. I support budget cuts, but believe these cuts need to be made in a way that has the least impact on those who receive valuable Medicaid services.

The Medicaid cuts will only allow my daughter Madison to only receive 75 hours of combined therapies (physical, occupational, speech and aquatics). This will not even allow my daughter to get these on a weekly basis. My daughters doctors have recently diagnosed her with Autism and in order for her to play a part in the society someday and for her to become the best she can and feel “alive” she NEEDS these services. They have prescribed her to receive occupational therapy twice a week, physical therapy twice a week , speech twice a week and aquatic therapy twice a week. I promise you she truly needs these. I work hard along side my daughter day in and day out with her therapists to learn with her so I can continue the care at home, if we do not learn these ways to help her be her best I am so afraid for her and our future. My family is under an amazing amount of stress on many different levels due to my daughters disability. We also have another young child in the home and we fear for him that if we can not get Madison the help she needs he will suffer.

Madison was a healthy full term baby a dream come true, we knew something was not right when she wasn't hitting milestones, we talked with her Dr. and he set her up with some testing. When Madison started therapy at 10 months she was not sitting up,

babbling, crawling, feeding herself and more important using her hands, she had a fear of touching things. She has huge sensory issues and over time with all the amazing therapy and help she had, she now has come so far. She is just now two years old and using her hands for everything! She is learning to walk and feed herself, climb stairs and even beginning to socialize with her brother. She still has no communication but we believe with hard work and her amazing determination she will someday. Without the help we have received I don't know where we would be , these therapist's are apart of our families and lives. we laugh, cry and celebrate together. Please don't take away our hope of Madison someday being caught up and her feeling "alive" and playing her role in the world. A quote from the book Children with Autism edited by Michael D. Powers Psy.D when talking about a cure for Autism... "This does not constitute "cure" or "recovery", but rather what is called "habilitation". Habilitation is the process of learning to adapt, accommodate, and cope with ones strengths and limitations. Through hard work- on the part of the parents, professionals, and children with Autism- much habilitation is OFTEN possible". We cant do this alone we are not educated enough. Therapy gives Madison and our family hope to hang onto and face each day. Please deeply consider taking another look into this situation PLEASE do not cut into our daughter therapies. Its impossible to decide which ones she might be able to go without.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Young".

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William Wells, Jr. Interim Director
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January 18, 2011

Ms. Katie Young
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Dear Ms. Young:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns on the 75 visits cap (total of 300 hours of therapy) for private rehabilitative services. While South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) does regret having to place any limitations on service volume, there are times when it is necessary. We have determined that there are systems changes that will be required prior to our enforcing this limitation; therefore, the implementation date has been postponed until 4/1/11. We will make every effort to clarify the rules associated with this change so that the enrolled private therapists can know and understand the requirements for coordination with each child's primary care physician. This information will be made available in a Medicaid Bulletin. All Medicaid Bulletins and Provider Manuals are located on the agency website, www.scdhhs.gov.

While these limits will be in place, as indicated in the Private Rehabilitative Therapy and Audiological Services Manual, on pages 2-4, "Payment for services that exceed frequency limitations may only be justified as a result of an Early and Periodic screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) examination and must be pre-approved by SCDHHS." This policy remains unchanged; should a physician determine, through an EPSDT visit, that Madison requires additional private therapy services, that physician should document the medical necessity and request additional visits. Such requests must be made in writing, must indicate the diagnosis and/or functional impairment that establishes medical necessity, and must be signed by the Madison's physician. This documentation should be faxed to SCDHHS staff at 803-898-8222, Attention: Private Rehabilitative Therapy Services Authorization, prior to provision of the service. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in denial or recoupment of payment.

Again, we are sorry that any limitations are necessary. However, we will continue to work with you, physicians and therapists to ensure that services are made available for children like Madison in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Felicity Myers'.

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