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TO: Emma Forkner

FROM: Sara Snell

DATE: 7-21-09

COMMENTS: Please see the attached.

Thank you!

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Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

RE: Robert Cook Jr.  
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Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, Robert Cook, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to Mr. Cook.

Sincerely,

  
Lindsey O. Graham  
United States Senator

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<>Yes, I would like a written response.</>  
<MSG>Greetings

I am a parent of a special needs child. My son Nathan has Down's syndrome, a disorder which affects him both mentally and physically. At present, Nathan has no insurance coverage. I have paid for his medical costs out of pocket for the last 2 years. I have applied for Medicaid for Nathan but have been told that we may have to wait more than one year before we will actually receive benefits. I am the sole provider for Nathan and his mother. At the moment I am working on a Department of Defense contract in Kabul, Afghanistan to support my family. I work hard, I pay my taxes, and I have never applied for any type of government assistance before. I am doing so now because I want the best for Nathan and I simply cannot cover all of Nathan's expenses. Nathan needs medical attention as well as occupational and speech therapy. I want for Nathan to be as productive a member of our society as he can be. To insure he has a fighting chance, he needs health care. Could you or  
office assist me in obtaining health care benefits for my son? Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best Regards

Robert D Cook Jr  
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<>please enter your zip code in the format 12345 or 12345-1234.</>  
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**State of South Carolina**  
**Department of Health and Human Services**

Mark Sanford  
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Emma Forkner  
Director

July 31, 2009

Robert and Nathalie Cook  
244 Walkbridge Way  
Chapin, South Carolina 29036

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cook:

US Senator Lindsey Graham asked our agency to assist with your concerns regarding the healthcare needs of your son, Nathan Bultot, and Medicaid eligibility.

To qualify for Medicaid, an applicant must meet certain categorical, financial, and non-financial requirements to include proof of US citizenship. According to current Medicaid policy, a qualified alien who entered the United States after August 22, 1996, has a disqualification period during which time he or she may be eligible for *emergency services only*.

If Nathan entered the United States on June 23, 2007, the disqualification period would begin on that date. After five years, Nathan could then obtain qualified alien status if his natural parent(s) paid Social Security taxes for 40 work quarters (approximately 10 years). Work quarters may be earned during the five-year period. Once Nathan met the qualified alien status, he could then qualify for full Medicaid benefits if all other eligibility criteria were met.

Enclosed is a copy of Section 102.04.09 that explains Medicaid policy regarding *Qualified Aliens*. To access the *South Carolina Medicaid Policy and Procedures Manual* online, please visit this address: <http://medswb.scdhhs.gov/impmm/impmtoc.htm>.

We sincerely wish we could have had better news for you as we want all of the children in our state to receive the health care they need without placing a financial burden on their families. If there is any other way we may be of some assistance, please let Denise Epps in Constituent Services know. Ms. Epps may be reached at (803) 898-2505.

Sincerely,

*Alicia Jacobs*

Alicia Jacobs  
Deputy Director

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Enclosure