

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Giese</i>	DATE <i>9-22-11</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>100140</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 10/11/11, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>10/3/11</i>
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Barbara D. Thomas  
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Lancaster, S.C. 29720  
September 17, 2011

Dear Mr. Keck:

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However, it didn't say it would not pay for joint replacement patients.

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So, my request was denied!

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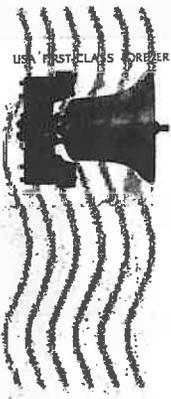
  
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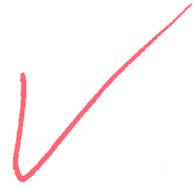


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October 11, 2011

Ms. Barbara Thomas  
809 Eula Court, Apartment C  
Lancaster, South Carolina 29720-2870

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Thank you for your letter regarding the denial for a tooth extraction after you received a total joint replacement. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance.

As you know, effective February 1, 2011, dental services for beneficiaries over the age of twenty-one (21) were discontinued due to the Agency's need to reduce our annual expenditures by stopping coverage of several optional services for adults. However, beneficiaries with critical medical conditions such as organ transplants, oncology (radiation of the head and/or neck for cancer treatment or chemotherapy for cancer treatment), total joint replacement, heart valve replacement, and trauma treatment, are covered for dental treatment or services with limited criteria, which include coverage when performed in preparation for or during the course of treatment of one of the exceptions.

If you would like to appeal our decision to not cover your tooth extraction, you may file an appeal to the Appeals department at the address below:

Attn: Division of Appeals  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact Ms. Shirley Carrington, Program Representative in the Office of Hospitals, Dental, Transportation and Durable Medical Equipment at (803) 898-2563.

Sincerely,

Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN  
Deputy Director

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