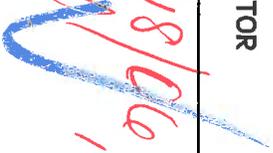


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Bowling</i>	DATE <i>7-11-00</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000050	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaud 7/18/00, Better</i> <i>Attache</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-20-00</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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Michael Blubaugh, M.D.

Board Certified in
Internal Medicine

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Department of Health and Human Services

ATTN: Marion Burton

801 Main Street

Columbia, SC 29202

803) 898-2660

Dear Ms. Burton:

This is a request to override the zero visit status of my patient, Kelvin Murray, ID#1151035301.

patient's diagnosis of Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, and Hypercholesterolemia make it medically necessary for this patient to be monitored closely.

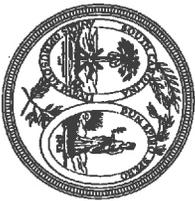
patient was seen in my office on 06-05-06 and 06-12-06; for these visits I am asking for consideration of Medicaid payment.

Sincerely,



Michael Blubaugh, M.D.

Provider Id# 195915 / Group # GP2719



State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Log #50



Mark Sanford
Governor

Robert M. Kerr
Director

July 18, 2006

Michael Blubaugh, MD
Carolina Medical Center
461 Spruce Street
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488

Re: Kelvin Murray

Dear Dr. Blubaugh:

Thank you for corresponding regarding this patient. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) can support three (3) additional physician office visits for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2006. Please attach a copy of this correspondence to any physician office visit claim you have that will exceed the twelve-visit limit. This will alert our staff to override the automatic system payment rejection edit and reimburse you for this care. Please assist the patient and the S.C. Medicaid program to make optimal use of these visits for medically necessary care. Additional visits should, in general, be physician directed as opposed to patient directed. Also, the 99211 code can accommodate brief encounters and does not count against the allotted number of office visits.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 803-898-2500 or 803-255-3400. Thank you for your advocacy regarding this patient and for caring for South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "O. Marion Burton".

O. Marion Burton, MD
Medical Director

OMB/bk

Michael Blubaugh, MD
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bc: Melanie Giese
Val Williams