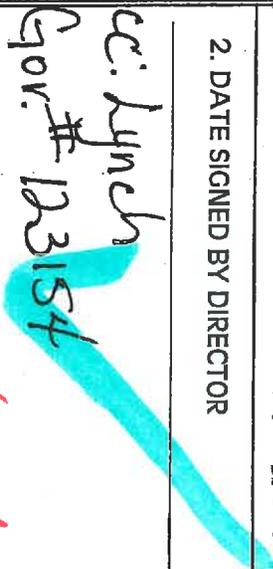


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ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Giese</i>	DATE <i>11-9-11</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>001196</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>11-21-11</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

Closed, see attached notes.

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
1.			<i>Please log, but cc me. I'll need to get Gov's Staff a copy of our response.</i>
2.			<i>Thanks!!</i>
3.			<i>Jenny</i>
4.			

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From: Office of the Governor Site Support [trolliar@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 12:33 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: Indigent Health Care

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Message:

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Over the last two weeks I've had to hospitalize two patients for ID&Ds, one for a fracture and have an ameloblastoma arrive in my office, all with medicaid, all who I have to treat and know I won't collect a penny. While reimbursement isn't the primary concern of my practice it is certainly a concern, and from what I've seen from both agencies - DHHS and Dentaquest - the concerns of Oral Surgeons in the state are at the bottom of the list for both of you. No group has taken a bigger hit then we have and now we have to deal with the insult of you telling us emergency procedures on the poor of the state aren't your concern, they are my concern. I guess the plan is to push us as far as you can until we all have to drop off staff at the local hospitals then our concerns might actually seem real, but I can promise you are pushing this Oral Surgeon, and many of my colleagues, too far.

As such, I cannot in good conscience remain on peer review to help organizations that view the concerns of my fellow surgeons and I as being trivial. I will not take a day out of my office to drive to Columbia and donate my time to help you continue to push the Dentists who treat the needy of the state into a situation where they cannot help them unless you declare yourself a charity. I resign from the peer review committee and wish you luck finding someone from our state to take my place.

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To: <GieseM@scdhhs.gov>
Date: 1/17/2011 9:33 AM
Subject: Re: Conference Call

My concerns related to emergency care so I do not believe we need to discuss this issue at this time. I do appreciate your willingness to discuss the matter.

Thank You

Dr. Tom Rollar

In a message dated 1/14/2011 11:10:29 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, GieseM@scdhhs.gov writes:

Hi Tom-

I just sent an email to you regarding the agency's decision to reinstate CPT coverage for oral surgeons in adult dental emergencies. I understand from DQ that this was the issue that you wanted to talk to me about, and I will gladly keep the appointment for Monday. Please let me know and thanks. BZ Giese

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