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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000430</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Heck, Kost Cleared on 7-8-14, see attached e-mail.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-10-14</i>
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June 25, 2014

Anthony Keck, Director
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Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail

Dear Director Keck,

Your quick response and follow-up to my inquiries earlier this spring concerning the issues raised by personal care providers in our state is very much appreciated. As we discussed, the 10% rate increase will enable companies currently providing this valuable service to stay in business.

Also, we had discussed the possibility of eliminating the nurse supervisor for personal care service providers which will help the ratios stay in line with the SC DHEC standards.

Finally, as our aging and disabled population continues to grow a stronger referral system from SC HHS to the companies that provide adult day care services is critical. These services allow the primary caregiver to return to work while allowing the vulnerable adult to stay in a home environment for much longer. This is a far more cost effective model for the care of these citizens than permanent placement in nursing homes or putting hardworking citizens at risk of losing their jobs as they struggle to care for their disabled and aging family members.

I appreciate any and all attention you can give to these concerns. Helping to raise awareness of the adult day care services will serve our vulnerable citizens, encourage business growth and provide a cost effective model for programs at SC HHS.

Thank you for your service and especially for your listening ear. While some numbers may be down in the adult day care centers across the state, close attention to helping these programs to succeed, especially in the rural areas which I represent is crucial to those served by these programs.

Sincerely,

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Jenny Lynch

Log # 430 ✓

From: Jenny Lynch
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 3:37 PM
To: Brenda James; Annmarie McCanne
Subject: Closure for log 430

I spoke with Debbie Barthe (Senator Kent Williams' assistant) regarding the letter. I updated her regarding the 10% rate increase going into effect July 1. I told her Pete's team and others are still in discussion and working on the other items listed in his letter. She asked that we keep them posted on the progress. She was pleased with this information and said she would notify Senator Williams of my call.

I made a reminder to myself to check in with Pete in about a month to see what progress is made.

Thanks!

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We continue to work closely with ADHC providers and referral system.

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