

Hi Jenny,

Please see the correspondence below and respond to the constituent's concerns. Please cc our office in your response. We greatly appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

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Message:

I work in the health care profession. We are a medical transport company that transport patients by ambulance to appointments/and for treatments, that have numerous medical conditions that unable them to be transported by any other means. In the past, a medical necessity form signed by the patients physician listing the patients medical conditions, and the physician stating the patient needs to be transported by ambulance, was enough for medicare to approve the payment for transport. As of December 15th, 2014 this has changed. We have jumped through hoops for Medicare, getting all paperwork, patients histories, physician signatures, and even family members of patients contacting medicare in concern for their loved one needing ambulance/stretchers transport. Medicare is denying these claims. I don't know what to do? The majority are dialysis patients. The number one concern is the patients health. If these patients don't get to dialysis for treatment, their life will be at risk. We are still transporting our patients for that reason. If medicare continues to deny claims, we will not be able to continue to transport long for free. Our company will not be able to support our employees, so this

means jobs will be lost, and possibly our company may have to close if this issue is not resolved quickly. This is occurring across the State of South Carolina! A lot of Medical Transport Companies may have to close their doors. What are we to do? I have never emailed a congressman, senator, or the governor before. I am now. I don't know where to turn? Governor Haley, you have probably heard from many of us, I hope, and are working on this issue. If not, please help, or guide us all in the right direction. Thank you so much for the opportunity to pass this information of great concern on to you, and your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa Nesbitt, Very Worried