

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

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<i>Myers</i>	<i>12-28-07</i>

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000313	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved 1/8/08, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-9-08</i>
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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

Dear GAPS Beneficiary:

According to our records, you are enrolled in the South Carolina Gap Assistance Pharmacy Program for Seniors (GAPS). This program provides assistance to help with your Medicare Part D drug coverage.

Open enrollment for 2008 Medicare Part D began November 15, 2007 and ends December 31, 2007. Several new plans that were not offered in South Carolina last year are available for 2008. Some plans have changed their benefits this year. It is very important that you review all of the materials that you receive from the Medicare Part D plans and Medicare.

To continue in GAPS, you must be enrolled in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan that participates in GAPS. Otherwise, your GAPS coverage will not be of any benefit to you. On the other side of this letter there is a list of the plans that have agreed to participate with GAPS in 2008. If you wish to change plans, call the new plan of your choice to enroll. If you are already in a GAPS participating plan on the list and do not wish to change, you do not have to do anything.

You do not have to do anything to stay in GAPS as long as you are enrolled in a Medicare Drug Plan listed on the other side of this letter. If you have any questions about this letter, please call 1-888-549-0820. This toll-free line is available Monday – Friday, 7:00am to 7:00pm.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

Emma Forkner
Director

Sorry, I have no knowledge of Emma Forkner being a GAPS beneficiary since I haven't heard of her. I have had no prescription drug card, just A-B-Medicare.

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January 8, 2008

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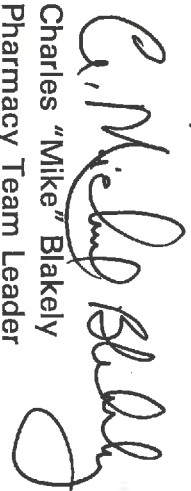
Dear Ms. Simmons:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Gap Assistance Plan for Seniors (GAPS) beneficiary program and a subsequent phone conversation between you and Janet Giles of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Pharmacy Division staff.

Our understanding is that you wish to have your name removed from any mailing lists regarding the GAPS program at this time. Since you are not a GAPS participant, you are not presently enrolled in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan and therefore would not qualify for GAPS coverage by the State.

We appreciate your taking the time to talk with us. If we can be of services to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,


Charles "Mike" Blakely
Pharmacy Team Leader