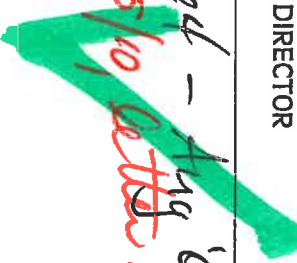


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ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE  <i>1-7-10</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR  <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Ref 0064 - 419 '08</i>    <i>Closed 1/15/10, letter attached.</i> </div>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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4TH DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Emma Forkner  
State Director  
SC Dept of Health and Human Services  
PO Box 8206, 1801 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Department of Health & Human Services  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Forkner:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents, Benjamin Estep (248-54-3307) and Vivian Estep (247-64-5034) about their Medicare premium coverage.

Benjamin and Vivian were participants in the Qualified Individuals Program and were notified in September they would no longer be receiving those benefits from the state of South Carolina. They replied with the application as suggested, but were told by Social Security on December 23rd the Medicare premium would be deducted from their monthly checks. Benjamin would like to know the status of his application and participation in the Qualified Individuals Program. Your full and fair consideration, consistent with governing rules and regulations, would be most appreciated as you review this matter.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance. I hope you will not hesitate to call me or Brent Troxell of my Spartanburg office at (864) 582-6422 if you have any questions or need more information.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Bob Inglis  
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

cc: Benjamin Estep

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Privacy Act Release Form

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

I am aware that the Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of information in my file without my approval. I, BENJAMIN D ESTEP JR hereby authorize Congressman Bob Inglis and/or his staff to all information in my files.

Benjamin D, Estep Jr  
Signature

Vivian Estep  
247-641-5034

631 Parker Rd  
Address  
Coulbourn SC, 29330

248-54-3307  
Social Security Number  
9-22-36  
Date of Birth

Email  
864-463-6012  
Telephone Number

Reinstated SC paying Medicare premium  
Reason for Inquiry

Previous assistance was received from the Members of Congress listed above.

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January 15, 2010

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Estep, Jr.  
631 River Road  
Cowpens, South Carolina 29330

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Estep:

Congressman Bob Inglis contacted our agency on your behalf regarding the recent change in the payment of your Medicare Part B premiums.

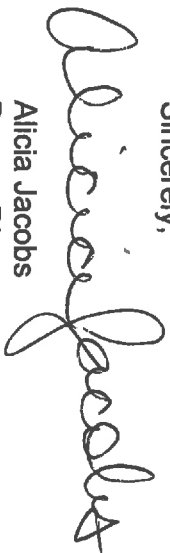
You were both part of the Qualifying Individual (QI) program that paid your Medicare Part B premium. This program provides coverage through December 31 of the calendar year and requires that individuals re-apply each year.

We are pleased to inform you that your application has been approved for QI effective January 1, 2010. You will receive written notice of your approval for the QI program shortly. Medicaid will again start paying your monthly Medicare Part B premium.

You are eligible for this benefit only through December 31, 2010. To be eligible for this benefit next year, you must re-apply. We will mail you an application in October 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact your eligibility worker, Ms. Kimbberely Yon, at (803) 898-3065 and she will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

  
Alicia Jacobs  
Deputy Director

AJ/cl



*State of South Carolina*  
*Department of Health and Human Services*

Mark Sanford  
Governor

Emma Forkner  
Director

January 15, 2010

The Honorable Bob Inglis  
United States House of Representatives  
464 East Main Street, Suite 8  
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302

Dear Congressman Inglis:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Estep regarding the recent change in the payment of their Medicare Part B premiums.

A member of our staff has been in direct contact with Mr. Estep regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. The Qualifying Individual program provides coverage through December 31 of the calendar year and requires that individuals re-apply each year. We have notified Mr. Estep of our decision for calendar year 2010.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner  
Director

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