

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Hutto</i>	DATE <i>6-27-14</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000429</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>7-8-14</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Heck, Kost, Lynch</i> <i>Cleared 7-15-14, letter attached.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR.

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June 25, 2014

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JUN 27 2014

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Anthony E. Keck, Director
Department of Health & Human Services
1801 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Dr. Keck:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an e-mail, with attached letter, that I recently received from my constituent, Mary Stuart P. King. It appears that Mrs. King has applied for Medicaid for her husband, Norman King, who suffers with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. It appears that Mr. King's health is rapidly deteriorating and that Mrs. King can no longer care for him by herself.

Tony, I would very much appreciate anything that can be done to help Mrs. King get the assistance she needs as quickly as possible.

As always, thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. K. Leatherman", written over a horizontal line.

Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
Senate District 31

HKL:dsm

Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Mary S. King

June 23, 2014

SCDHHS

P.O. Box 100101

Columbia, SC 29202-3101

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband, Norman King (SSN 248-29-3480), has Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. His primary care physician is Dr. Traesa Brown, 805 Pamplico Hwy., Suite B-230, Florence, SC 29505, phone, 843-679-4019. My husband is in the latter stages of this disease. He is a fall risk and is quickly losing his ability to walk, eat, and communicate verbally. In fact, last night, I had to call EMS twice to get him off the floor, as he fell out of his bed, and I could not physically pull him up.

I am having great difficulty dealing with the physical changes that come with these diseases. He is at home most days, although he goes to Adult Day Care 3 days per week, 6 hours per day. I need help. I do not know whether home help or a nursing home would be the best recourse. This, as I understand it, would be the decision of the nurse who would visit our home and assess him.

I also understand that the usual wait time for a decision on our application is from 6 to 8 weeks. I really need help before that time. If there is any way that this application could be expedited, I would appreciate it, as his condition is deteriorating very quickly. I do not know how long I can continue to care for him in the home. Physically, I am not well, as I have rheumatoid arthritis.

I thank you for any help you may afford me in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Stuart P. King

Cc: Senator Hugh Leatherman

Representative Kristopher R. Crawford

Lt. Governor J. Yancey McGill

Robert L. Kilgo, Jr.

From: msking1025@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 4:48 PM
Subject: Medicaid help ~ Website email from Mary Stuart King
Attachments: Norman SCDHHS.docx

Dear Sir, I called your office on Friday to ask for help in obtaining Medicaid for my husband, who has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. I was told by DHHS that approval is from 6 to 8 weeks. I don't think I have that long. If you could expedite this application, I would appreciate it. I am attaching my cover letter to DHHS, which I mailed to DHHS today.

Mary Stuart King
206 S. Carolina Dr.
Florence, SC 29501
843-665-2548



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SENATOR, DISTRICT 31
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Anthony Keck DIRECTOR
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July 15, 2014

The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
South Carolina State Senate
111 Gressette Senate Office Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator Leatherman:

Thank you for referring Mrs. Mary Stuart King to our Agency regarding Medicaid eligibility for her husband, Mr. Norman King.

Ms. Carolyn Roach in Member Relations has talked to Mrs. King and explained the Nursing Home application process. We also provided her Ms. Roach's contact information if she needs further assistance regarding the Medicaid program.

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

Sincerely,

Elizabeth B. Hutto

Elizabeth B. Hutto, Deputy Director
Eligibility, Enrollment & Member Services

EBH:jr

July 11, 2014

Ms. Mary Stuart King
206 S. Carolina Drive
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1
Florence, SC 29501

Dear Ms. King:

Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. contacted our Agency on behalf of your husband, Mr. Norman King's Nursing Home application.

Our records indicate that you completed an application for Mr. King on June 27, 2014. His application is currently being reviewed to determine if he qualifies. A Medicaid Checklist was mailed to you on June 30, 2014, requesting you return information by July 15, 2014. Once requested information is received, the determination will be made within forty-five (45) days.

If you have questions regarding the application process, you may contact Ms. Carolyn Roach in our Office of Member Relations and she will be happy to assist you. Ms. Roach may be reached at (803) 898-3967.

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Sincerely,



Beth Hutto, Deputy Director
Eligibility Enrollment & Member Services

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Sincerely,



John R. Supra, Jr.
Deputy Director and CIO

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