

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Bowling</i>	DATE <i>11-30-06</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000378</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved 12/18/06, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>12-11-06</i>
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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 27, 2006

South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Attn: Medical Director
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

RE: Elia Amor-Wenger

Dear Medical Director:

I am writing to request reimbursement for emergency surgery in Elia Amor-Wenger.

She was visiting family members in Pittsburgh when a relative's dog took a bite out of her nasolacrimal system, severing both the superior and inferior nasolacrimal canaliculi.

We have already submitted this claim to the South Carolina Medicaid Department for reimbursement and this has been denied. I am writing to you for reconsideration and a plausible explanation.

Evidently since I am not a South Carolina Medicaid provider, I cannot be reimbursed. This logic is absolutely preposterous for it therefore dictates that the citizens of South Carolina have absolutely no medical coverage once they leave the state of South Carolina.

This young child who was eighteen months old received emergency surgery well into the night by two pediatric ophthalmologists who worked diligently and arduously to re-piece together her nasolacrimal system. It would have been impossible for her to get back on a plane or back in the family car to travel back to South Carolina to have this repaired. The risk of an infection and subsequent scarring of this if this was not repaired soon after injury would have led to multiple additional surgeries to recreate a nasolacrimal system. The risks of infection and possible loss of vision in the eye are obvious.

RE: Amorwenger, Elia

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November 27, 2006

I am re-submitting with this letter a copy of our bill. Our employees do not work for free nor was our training or licensing free. While I do not expect 100% reimbursement given her Medicaid status, I do not feel it unreasonable to ask for a reasonable reimbursement.

We have submitted this multiple times within an appropriate time frame and this has now dragged on for many months. If the residents of South Carolina are not covered for medical care beyond their state borders, I would like you to state that in a letter. Otherwise, I request your attention to this matter.

My interactions with this patient and this family were quite pleasant and she did well surgically and I feel that we made a difference in her life. So far, I cannot say the same for the South Carolina Medicaid program.


Sincerely,

Joseph C. Paviglianiti, MD
(Dictated but not read to expedite mailing)

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Log # 378 ✓

Mark Sanford
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December 18, 2006

Joseph C. Paviglianti, M.D.
Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Incorporated
Two Landmark North, Suite 300
20397 Route 19 North
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066

Dear Dr. Paviglianti:

Thank you for your letter concerning emergency services for your patient Elia Amor-Wenger. We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

In order to be reimbursed for services rendered to a patient covered by South Carolina Medicaid, a provider must enroll with our program. Through this process we verify not only that you are licensed to practice and your tax information, but also the correct address for reimbursement.

On December 4, 2006, Mr. William Feagin, Team Leader in the Division of Physician's Services, spoke to Ms. Becky Ketterer in your office to discuss the enrollment process and then faxed a copy of the required paperwork. At that time, Ms. Ketterer was asked to return the faxed documents along with a copy of the claim so we could expedite your request. We received the completed packet on December 7th and forwarded the information for processing. Mr. Feagin will continue to follow up on the claim until payment is issued.

If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. William Feagin at (803) 898-2660.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Bowling
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Deputy Director

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