

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Myers</i>	DATE <i>7-7-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>1000009</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaveland 7/24/08, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-16-08</i>
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To: <mark@gov.sc.gov>
Date: Sun, Jun 22, 2008 10:01 PM
Subject: SC Medicaid.

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For: _____
 Answered: _____

I am a Pharmaceutical rep in the upstate who has been talking with Pediatricians for years and the one issue they have in common is the abuse of SC State Medicaid. Too many patients come in for free allergy or cold meds, or to get a doctor's excuse because they woke up late for school. If only a fee of \$10 for doctor's visit, less than the cost of 2 people at McDonalds, would eliminate the folks coming into the offices who were not sick. Drug cost could be set as follows:

Generic \$0
 Drugs under \$100 \$10
 Drugs over \$100 \$20

This will give patients a choice. This will also eliminate the need for Prior Authorizations. This will give doctors more time with patients and less time handling Prior Authorizations. Better care for patients, happier doctors and staff, and less cost for state. A Win, Win, Win situation. Hospital ED's need a simular system.
 Thanks, Tommy Corn

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State of South Carolina
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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

July 24, 2008

Mr. Tommy Corn
19 Shadetree Court
Greer, South Carolina 29651

Dear Mr. Corn:

Thank you for your e-mail to the Honorable Mark Sanford regarding the appearance of misuse of Medicaid services. Abuse in any aspect of the Medicaid program is taken very seriously and will not be tolerated. If you or the pediatricians on whom you call would identify any Medicaid beneficiary who appears to be using Medicaid services inappropriately, Program Integrity staff will investigate and take necessary action up to and including removing the offending individual from Medicaid eligibility.

Since Medicaid is a joint state/federal program, there are federal guidelines regarding co-payments. These guidelines speak to whom co-payments are applicable as well as the amount of co-payment per service. Section 447.54 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under "Maximum allowable charges" specifics the maximum cost-sharing amounts and the restrictions as to the utilization of co-payments.

I trust this information will prove helpful to you. Should you wish to discuss this matter further or need any additional information, please contact me at (803) 898-2875. Your continued support of the Medicaid program and the citizens we serve is appreciated.

Sincerely,

James M. Assey, RPh
Division Director

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Mr. Tommy Corn
July 24, 2008

bcc: Susan Duncan, Office of the Governor