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From: Bryan Kost
To: Melanie Giese
Date: 2/20/2009 1:52 pm
Subject: Fwd: South Carolina Cuts Negatively Impact Dialysis Patients

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>>> Angela Lattimore <seneca_beep@yahoo.com> 2/20/2009 9:27 AM >>>

Feb 20, 2009

Melanie Giese
SC

Dear Giese,

I am concerned about the cuts to Medicaid and the end of reimbursement for vitamins.

As a dialysis patient I must eat a diet that is high in protein, low in sodium, calcium, phosphorus as well as other limitations. It is often very difficult for me to find and afford to eat the foods I need to be healthy.

Since I must receive dialysis three times a week four hours per treatment, having vitamins provided to me at the dialysis facility free of charge has made it possible for me to feel better and achieve improved lab results. Without proper nutritional supplements I fear I will get sicker and have a hard time reaching my nutrition goals.

It is also important to me that my fellow dialysis patients and I have access to the best quality of care. Cuts to Medicaid reimbursement could result in my health care team leaving to find better paying jobs and less investment in clinical and technology improvements needed to improve my health and quality of life. I already have to travel 30 miles away from home to receive treatment. What is next? Death?

While I understand tough economic times call for cuts, I hope you will reconsider your decision to reduce my access to quality health care.

Sincerely,

Ms. Angela Lattimore
1096 Fairfield Dr Apt. 18
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From: Melanie Giese
To: Nancy Rabert
Date: 2/20/2009 1:57 pm
Subject: Fwd: South Carolina Cuts Negatively Impact Dialysis Patients

CC: Brenda James; Jan Polatty
should we log? fyi, those cuts are on the current 30-day hold

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Ms. Angela Lattimore
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Dear Ms. Lattimore:

Thank you for your concern regarding vitamins and supplements to Medicaid patients receiving dialysis treatments. We are pleased to inform you that as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the agency will continue to cover these services. End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Clinics and providers have been notified of the continuation of this service, so you should continue to receive the vitamins and supplements without interruption.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Division of Hospital Services at (803) 898-2665. We appreciate your continued support of the Medicaid program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "BZ Giese".

Melanie "BZ" Giese, RN
Bureau Director

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