


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>7-13-11</i>
------------------------	------------------------

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>1011026</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Fyee, Hess, Grier</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

LAW OFFICES
PETERS, MURDAUGH, PARKER, ELTZROTH & DETRICK

JOHN E. PARKER
* CLYDE A. ELTZROTH, JR.
I. PAUL DETRICK
DANIEL E. HENDERSON
MARK D. BALL
RANDOLPH MURDAUGH, IV
RONNIE L. CROSBY
R. ALEXANDER MURDAUGH
BERT G. UTSEY, III
RANDOLPH MURDAUGH, III
GRAHAM E. HOLMES
LEE D. COPE
MATTHEW V. CREECH
LEAGUE B. CREECH
STEVEN D. MURDAUGH
WILLIAM F. BARNES, III
* INACTIVE

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
101 MULBERRY STREET EAST
P.O. BOX 457
HAMPTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
29924-0457

RANDOLPH MURDAUGH, SR.
(1987-1940)
RANDOLPH MURDAUGH, JR.
(1915-1998)
I. ROBERT PETERS, JR.
(1927-2008)

TELEPHONE
(803) 943-2111
TOLL FREE
(866) 943-2113
FACSIMILE
(803) 943-3943
(803) 914-2014
WEBSITE

www.pmped.com
Lee D. Cope
Direct Dial: (803) 914-2006
E-mail: lcopes@pmped.com

July 7, 2011

Via Certified Mail

SC Department of Health & Human Services
ATTN: Anthony Keck, Director
P.O. Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202

RECEIVED

JUL 13 2011

Re: Estate of Inez Chandler

Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

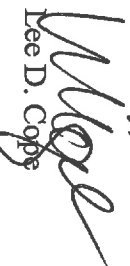
Dear Anthony:

Please be advised that Attorney Tom Ervin and I represent the Estate of Inez Chandler. We filed suit on July 22, 2010 against Laurens County Hospital and Dr. Jitin Mujibhai for the wrongful death of Mr. Chandler's wife. We have settled the wrongful death case at mediation. Attached is a draft copy of the Petition and the proposed Order Approving Settlement.

It is my understanding that Medicaid may have paid some of the hospital and provider bills after Mrs. Chandler lost consciousness. Since all the witness statements and the medical records confirm that Mrs. Chandler never regained consciousness, we have taken the position that no part of this confidential settlement should be apportioned to the survival cause of action. However, out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to give you and SCHHS notice of the hearing to approve this settlement will be held on July 28, 2011 at 9:15 am at the Laurens County Courthouse before the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. If you wish to take apposition on this allocation, you are invited to attend and participate in this hearing as you deem necessary. In any event, we believe that all of the settlement proceeds are being properly allocated to the wrongful death claim. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


Lee D. Cope

LDC/smj
CC: Tom Ervin, Esquire