

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Singleton</i>	DATE <i>7-13-11</i>
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1. LOG NUMBER <i>1011026</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Mr. Fyee, Hess, Gierle</i>	<input checked="" 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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**Via Certified Mail**  
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Re: Estate of Inez Chandler

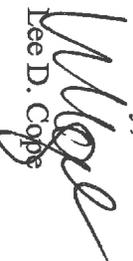
Dear Anthony:

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. Jitlin 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

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CC: Tom Ervin, Esquire