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1. LOG NUMBER <i>000427</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleaved 1/11/07, letter attached.</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-12-07</i> <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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December 19, 2006

RE: Shelby Larson (DOB 3/22/1991)

Robert M Kerr
DHHS
1801 Main Street, 11th floor
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Dog Bowling
"Approp. Sign."

Dear Mr Kerr:

Shelby Larson is a patient here at Palmetto Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic. She has diagnoses including Autism, mental retardation, severe scoliosis, and gastroesophageal reflux. Shelby, at 66" tall and 95 pounds, has outgrown her current car seat system and is it is medically necessary for her to have a system to keep her secure in a vehicle to not only to maintain the safety of herself but the other passengers and driver of the vehicle as well.

Due to Shelby's scoliosis, she requires a seating system which offers support and keeps her secure and in a good postural position. Also, due to her autism and mental retardation, Shelby exhibits behavior which puts not only herself, but other passengers and the driver of the vehicle at risk. She needs a seating system which can restrain her feet to prevent her from kicking other passengers, the back of the driver's seat and the windows of the vehicle. Shelby has, while buckled in a regular lap/shoulder belt been able to kick her brother, Connor, in the face on numerous occasions as well as kick the back of the driver's seat with such force as to push the driver into the steering wheel, an obvious safety hazard. Shelby has also recently gotten out of the shoulder/lap belt, lunged forward and grabbed the steering wheel while the car was in motion.

After much research, I have found the Carrie Small Adult Car Seat (A9117) with the Foot/Shoe Rest option (A9117S) to be the only option for meeting Shelby's needs. The harness safety strap and pommel will keep Shelby in the seat and in good postural position. The foot rest option with its shoe restraints will protect the additional passengers and driver. This system retails for approximately \$1900. I have been told by both All Medical (Shelby's Durable Medical Equipment Company) and by Ruby Thompson, (Shelby's DSN MR/RD waiver service coordinator) that Medicaid will only reimburse up to \$580 for this car seat system for Shelby. Obviously, a company cannot provide equipment to a patient and be reimbursed barely 25% of its cost.

This letter comes as request for exceptional consideration be made for reimbursement of the car seat system that is needed to protect not only Shelby and the driver and passengers in the vehicle, but the passengers in other vehicles on the road.

Feel free to contact me at (803) 788-6146, Ext 207 should you have additional questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Kim Conant, LPN

Kim Conant, LPN
Special Needs Care Coordinator



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January 11, 2007

Ms. Kim Conant, LPN
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Dear Ms. Conant:

Thank you for your recent letter to Director Robert M. Kerr in which you detailed a need for your patient, Shelby Larson, to obtain a Carrie Small Adult Car Seat. Your letter indicates that you have been in contact with a Durable Medical Equipment provider and with the DDSN MR/RD Waiver Service Coordinator and have learned that Medicaid does cover car seats (T5001) but with a maximum reimbursement of \$588.88. Medicaid does not cover the specific type (A9117 or A9117S) of positioning seat requested in your letter. Since the seat you are seeking for your patient exceeds Medicaid's allowable amount for this product, it is hoped that a seat can be found for Ms. Larson within the allowable Medicaid reimbursement limit. Medicaid desires to be of service to our beneficiary; however, we are unable to change reimbursement amounts to match a particular style product.

I trust you will find this information helpful. It is unfortunate that the specific model you requested cannot be obtained at Medicaid's reimbursement rate. If I may provide further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (803) 898-2875.

Sincerely,


James M. Assek, R.Ph.
Division Director

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