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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Ms. Forner Cleared 7/10/09, letter attached J.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>7-7-09</i> DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		

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UNITED STATES SENATE

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Department of Health & Human Services
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Ms. Emma Forkner
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Ms. Forkner:

The attached letter concerns an issue outside my official jurisdiction. Therefore, as a courtesy to my constituent, I am sending this correspondence to your attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I ask that you please respond directly to the individual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Graham".

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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<PREFIX>Mrs.</PREFIX>
<FIRST>Terra</FIRST>
<LAST>Suber</LAST>
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<CITY>Summerville</CITY>
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<EMAIL>terrsuber1@yahoo.com</EMAIL>
<ISSUE>ASSISTANCE</ISSUE>
<>Yes, I would like a written response.</>
<MSG>My son Christopher Cason 4/25/88 has cerebral palsy. Never walked. Totally dependant on
assistant care. Just denied a grade 3 specialised power wheelchair by our state medicaid. His last new
chair was 6 years ago. That chair's motor dies about 2 years now. He is using a 10 year old manual
chair that is literally falling apart...HELP us HELP our son!!!
He needs the ability to recline to relieve pressure from his buttocks and back.he has visible pressure
marks due to improper seating system. He had spinal fusion a few years ago and is now being forced to
use a chair that was built for his body...years before the surgery.unexcepiible.</MSG>
<>please enter your zip code in the format 12345 or 12345-1234.</>
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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

July 9, 2009

Ms. Terra Suber
120 Cambridge Road
Summerville, South Carolina 29483

Dear Ms. Suber:

Thank you for your inquiry to Senator Lindsey Graham regarding the denial of a power wheelchair for your son, Christopher Cason. We welcome the opportunity to be of assistance. This letter is to confirm the results of your phone conversation with our Program Coordinator, Ms. Zanipha Mohamed, held on July 7, 2009.

The Department of Durable Medical Equipment is awaiting the results of an evaluation by the prescribing physician to document Christopher's current needs. Our policy requires that the treating/ordering physician must examine the beneficiary within sixty days before prescribing and Christopher had not seen the physician for over a year at the time the provider requested the wheelchair for him. This resulted in the request being returned to the provider unapproved.

Upon receipt of a new evaluation by the prescribing physician and the required supporting documentation, the Department will expedite the review of the request for the new power wheelchair.

If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Mike Blakely at 803-898-2876.

Sincerely,


Felicity Myers, PhD.
Deputy Director, Medical Services

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cc: Honorable Lindsey Graham, United States Senator

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