

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000254</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Jenny Lynch</i> <i>Cleared 3/7/13, letter attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>3-6-13</i>
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February 22, 2013

Mr. Anthony Keck, Director
Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Mr. Keck:

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Edith U. Atkinson who resides in Lee County, the district I represent in the South Carolina House of Representatives. Mrs. Atkinson is 82 years old, and her Social Security number is 249-70-5482. Her only means of income is Social Security and VA benefits.

Mrs. Atkinson currently lives in the McCoy Memorial Nursing Home, and her family has asked for help with expenses incurred at the nursing home. It is my understanding, from the Atkinson family, that Mrs. Atkinson's request for Medicaid assistance has been denied by your agency. I respectfully request an answer regarding the reason for her denial when it appears that she should be eligible for Medicaid benefits. I understand she had a small amount of bonds, which were sold and placed into an account for nursing home expenses. The family has pre-paid for her funeral expenses and there are no other financial avenues for them to pay for her continued stay at the nursing home.

If you would please give this matter your prompt attention, I would be most appreciative. If I can provide further information pertaining to this request, please feel free to contact me in my Bishopville or Columbia office, or by cell at 803.428.7143.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter and with warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Grady A. Brown

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cc: Mr. Dewey Atkinson, 961 Lynchburg Highway, Lynchburg, SC 29080

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March 7, 2013

The Honorable Grady A. Brown
Member, House of Representatives
420 S. Main Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Dear Representative Brown:

Thank you for contacting our Agency on behalf of Mr. Dewey Atkinson regarding Medicaid eligibility for his mother, Ms. Edith U. Atkinson.

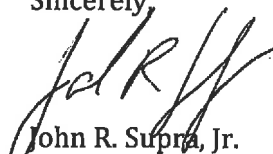
Medicaid eligibility is based on federal and state requirements. To qualify for Medicaid under the Medicaid's Nursing Home program, an individual must meet the income, resource and medical level of care requirements. Additionally, an individual must not have transferred resources within the last sixty (60) months.

Ms. Atkinson's application for Medicaid's Nursing Home program was denied on January 7, 2013, because at that time her countable resources were more than the allowable limit of \$2,000 and we did not receive proof of her pension from Bishopville Manufactory. Furthermore, the Lee County Tax Assessor Office indicated approximately 80 acres of property was transferred in August 2012, to Mr. Dewey Atkinson.

Mr. Atkinson may reapply for the Nursing Home program at any time for his mother. Our Member Relations Leader, Ms. Carolyn Roach, has mailed an application to him.

If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Roach at (803) 898-3967. We hope this information proves helpful.

Sincerely,


John R. Supra, Jr.
Deputy Director

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