

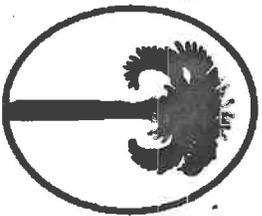
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000010	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Bowling</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____
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July 6, 2007

Ms. Susan B. Bowling, Acting Director
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ATTN: Bureau of Fiscal Affairs

Log: Wells
c: Bowling
(re-act)

RE: South Carolina Healthcare Information & Referral Network

Dear Ms. Bowling:

This year the Legislature appropriated \$336,000 to continue the work of the South Carolina Healthcare Information & Referral Network as a non-recurring item in the state's FY 2007-08 appropriations.

I'm writing to request the full amount be sent to our Charleston address at 1031 Chuck Dawley Blvd., Suite 5, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464 as soon as it becomes available.

I am pleased to tell you that the Network now fully serves all 46 counties and is being utilized extensively both by telephone callers and online. We had 4,000 requests the very first month we opened, and have continued to receive about 2,000 requests each month. Our search engine includes the names and practice information for more than 25,000 Medicaid providers across the state. The information we offer on providers also includes lists of specialties, languages spoken, directions, and emergency numbers.

During the past year we have assisted groups in Louisiana and Mississippi that are replicating our program as part of their statewide disaster preparedness plans.

As always, I very much appreciate the excellent support we receive from the Department staff.

With kindest regards,


STEPHEN SKARDON JR.
Executive Director