


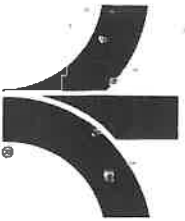
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ST. FRANCIS HOMECARE
Bon Secours Health System

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Department of Health & Human Services
January 2, 2009 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Ms. Forkner:

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In the home, we are frequently able to identify barriers within the residence and family that may prevent patients from returning to their optimal level of health. We can begin addressing these barriers through the use of Skilled Nurses, Social Workers, Therapist, Dietitians, Aides, and Chaplains. With advancing technology and the many services Home Health is currently able to provide, Home Health represents a significant opportunity to help the patient and family transition through the continuum of health in a manner where cost containment can be notable.

We therefore ask that you intervene on our behalf to eliminate the proposed Medicaid cuts that will directly impact the health of your constituents and their families. In return, I propose that Home Health and Hospice Leaders and organizations within our State hold an emergency session to determine what we can do together to resolve the crisis without jeopardizing the health and rights of those most vulnerable in our community.

Sincerely,

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Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital

From: Richard Kluender
To: Brenda James; Margarete Keller
Date: 1/15/2009 3:35 pm
Subject: Fwd: Log Extension

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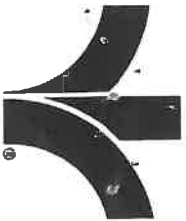
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