

September 28, 2015

State Health Plan
Attn: Appeals Department
P.O. Box 100605
Columbia, S.C. 29260-0605

Re: APPEAL
Member # ZCS53547600
Summary Benefits on Claims processed from 5/1/15 to 5/21/15
Marie U Gregory Due to Athena Diagnostics, Inc. in the amount of \$7,315.00

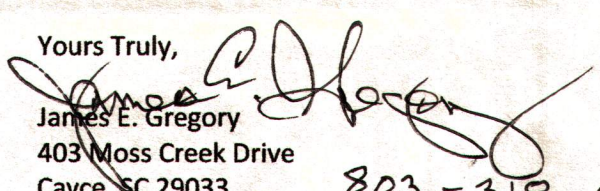
Earlier this year, upon receipt of the above summary, I called and inquired as to why the above benefit was not paid by the State Health Plan. I spoke with Audrey G. She would not give me her last name. The reason for the denial was that this was an unnecessary procedure according to your review board. My wife was misdiagnosed with Alzheimer for approximately three years. This diagnoses, in her mind was a death sentence. After the above testing was done, and was assured that she did not have Alzheimer because she inherited certain genes from her parents that prohibited her from having the disease. Her attitude completely changed and is happy with the current diagnoses. She still has problems because of her sight but this with her dog has greatly improved her outlook on life. She is a staunch supporter of Dawn Staley and the South Carolina Gamecocks Girls Basketball Team and we are season ticket holders. How's that for someone who diagnosed the dreaded Alzheimer disease for 3 years and has sight problems?

My wife was a beloved PE teacher with a Master Degree in P.E. Education. She has been recognized by the West Columbia and Columbia Chambers of Commerce as well as her peers nationally. She was referred student teachers from the University of South Carolina during her career of Thirty-Five (35) at the same school (Fulmer Middle School) and worked under (9) different Principals. She has always had the State Health Plan and feels as though she has been kicked in the teeth.

How can your review board deny this claim?

Why did it take from October 2013 to May 2015 for this process?

Yours Truly,


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