

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

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| 1. LOG NUMBER <i>101129</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____ |
| 2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Singleton, Stenland Cleared 10/3/11, letter attached</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE <i>10-4-11</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action |

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Roy E. Hess
Interim Deputy Director
Office of Finance and Administration
SC Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Mr. Hess:

I am in receipt of your response to my FOIA request and thank you for same. Could you please elaborate for me on three expenditures. In FY 2010 one, categorized as Medical Services Individual, is an expenditure for 5.5 million dollars and in SFY 2011 an expenditure for 23,390.36 for other supplies as well as an expenditure for \$1,287,603.00 for other contractual services.

I would like to know specifically what these items were for? What type of medical services, what supplies and what contractual services? As you are well aware these funds are strictly regulated by CMS and I want to know the details of each so that we can look at them to see if, in our opinion, they meet CMS requirements.

Thank you and with kind regards, I am

J. Randal Lee
President
South Carolina Health Care Association



TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Cost of Processing FOIA Request #

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has received and processed your FOIA request. The cost for processing this information is as follows:

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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Post Office Box 8297
Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8297

Please contact _____ should you have any questions.

Signature

Date:



October 3, 2011

Mr. J. Randal Lee, President
South Carolina Health Care Association
176 Laurelhurst Avenue
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Lee:

In response to your request to elaborate more on the three expenditure categorizations for Medical Services Individual, Supplies and Other Contractual Services provided to you from the Civil Monetary Penalty Fund report for the period January 2009 to present, please see below:

1. Medical Services Individual - \$5.5 million:

Funds were temporarily used to cover Nursing Home Claim payments to ensure continued service during state fund budget shortfalls in SFY 2010. Two million of these funds were replenished during SFY 2011 and the remaining \$3.5 million was replenished during SFY 2012.

2. Other Supplies - \$23,390.36:

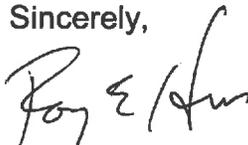
Sonic Ear Amplifiers were purchased and supplied to nursing home patients for use in re-evaluations and other certification of need in-take assessment functions.

3. Other Contractual Services - \$1,287,603:

These were reimbursements associated with CNA Training and Testing/Feeding Assistant Training, paid to nursing facilities as required by their contracts. These costs covered reporting periods September 30, 2003, through September 30, 2009.

If you have need of additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Roy E. Hess
Interim Deputy Director
Office of Finance and Administration