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if any action was warranted.

Be assured that Senator McConnell is aware of the difficult financial circumstances many state agencies are facing. Therefore he is grateful for the continued work you do on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina. Please also accept the Senator's warmest, personal regards.

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working at the office so I missed her call. I then sent in the application with notes about my concerns and questions. I received no response to my questions. Later I received a different form, requesting additional information, yet not addressing my previous questions.

I then called Mrs. Bennett on May 25, 2009 asking about the status of the applications and seeking celerity on the questions I submitted. Mrs. Bennett then told me that the application was about to be late and it appeared strange to her that I was calling on the day of expiration. I told her that I was not aware that there was a set time to return the information. She continued to express the strangeness of the timing, as she implied, that my timing was intentional to avoid the expiration time.

Ms. Bennett informed me that she needed bank statements dated back to 2006. I told her that I did not keep my statements and asked how to secure them or what else would be accepted. She replied "you just have to get them". I then asked Ms. Bennett about the Recover of Estate, she replied, "just read it". She informed me that the forms came from "State Office", appearing not to be familiar with the forms herself. She asked me about the joint savings account I have with Ms. Peterson. I explain that some of the monies are there for her burial but all of the monies were not Ms. Peterson's. Ms. Bennett, then in a harsh tone, asked "why did you put your money with her money. I explain that at the time I was going through a divorce and that was a safe haven for me. She wanted me to

I hope that someone will respond to my request and look into procedure used with the applicants at the Department of Health and Human Services.

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cc: Ms. K. Hayes (Director of SC Dept of Social Services)
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Senator Glenn Mc Connell

A member of my staff has been in direct contact with Ms. Montgomery to address her concerns and questions regarding Medicaid eligibility and the rules and regulations governing the program. We are in the process of reviewing Ms. Peterson's application and will notify Ms. Montgomery once a decision has been made. Ms. Montgomery also has the name and telephone number of someone in our Constituent Services Division in case she needs further assistance.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the South Carolina Medicaid program. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Emma Forkner
Director

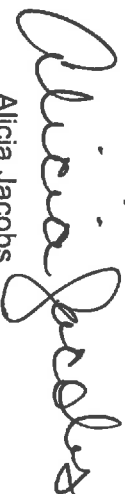
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process the application. Ms. Patricia Bennett, your mother's eligibility worker, has been in direct contact with you to inform you that verification of monies spent on adult daycare is still needed.

If Ms. Peterson is found financially eligible once all documentation is received, staff in Community Long Term Care will need to verify your mother has entered and been in the waiver program for 30 consecutive days before the final Medicaid eligibility determination will be made. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Ms. Bennett at (843) 740-5931 or her supervisor, Ms. JoAnn Kearsse, at (843) 740-5925.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further concerns or questions about the Medicaid program, please contact Ms. Denise Epps in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2505, and she will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Jacobs". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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