

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**

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1. LOG NUMBER 000321	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>Cleared 1/10/08 attached.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>1-10-08</i>
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December 27, 2007

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Peggy Vickery
Director, Network Management
PO Box 40849
Charleston, SC 29423-0849

Dear Ms. Vickery:

Thank you for your response to my letter. All Medical has also been serving Medicaid recipients through the state Medicaid program for over 12 years. That is exactly one reason that I do not believe Select Health should have the right to arbitrarily exclude us from serving the Medicaid recipients in your program. After all, as I previously pointed out, the funds are still taxpayer dollars, of which All Medical and its employees contribute.

Also, I would like to know what criteria you use in selecting your DME companies. I viewed the durable medical equipment suppliers that you have selected for Richland and Lexington Counties. None of these suppliers have Certified Assistive Technology Suppliers on staff and none have experience working with special needs children as All Medical does. By preventing qualified providers from participating in your plan you are creating a big disservice to your members and limiting the availability of services and technology to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James W. Hayes".

James W. Hayes
President

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cc: Ms. Emma Forkner, Director
South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services



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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

January 10, 2008

Mr. James W. Hayes
President
All Medical
Post Office Box 1296
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Thank you for providing a copy of the letter dated December 27, 2007 to Ms. Peggy Vickery of Select Health of South Carolina. The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) does contract with Select Health and other managed care companies to provide services to Medicaid recipients in our state. However, SCDHHS does not dictate with whom these companies choose to contract. I am sure your company is very qualified and I encourage you to contact the managed care companies who are active in the midlands area. I have included a complete list of current and prospective managed care companies as well as their contact numbers.

Again, thank you for your continued service to the Medicaid program and I hope you are successful in contracting with Medicaid managed care providers in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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Enclosure