

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Jacobs</i>	DATE <i>5-6-09</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <i>100527</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>5-13-09</i>
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>CC: Ms Forlner Cleared 5/15/09, letter attached</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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April 22, 2009

Ms. Denise M. Epps
Constituent Services
SC Dept. of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Ms. Epps,

I am writing on behalf of a constituent, Mr. Robert Graver, who has contacted me about a problem he is having with obtaining Medicaid coverage for his wife. Enclosed is a signed Privacy Release form which briefly explains his concerns.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

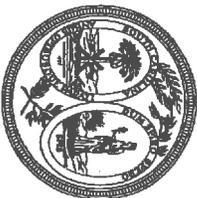
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and they ~~also~~ denied them they said
they haven't bin living here 5 years, ~~the~~
moved here two years ago, I myself and
my son are U.S citizens my wife is
British, my wife is 6 months ~~pregnant~~
and hasn't seen a doctor yet coz we can't
afford it,

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State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

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Mark Sanford
Governor

Emma Forkner
Director

May 15, 2009

Ms. Melishia Graver
17500 Grays Way
Early Branch, South Carolina 29916

Dear Ms. Graver:

At the request of your husband, Robert, Congressman Wilson asked our agency to respond to your questions regarding Medicaid eligibility and the healthcare needs of you and your son, Codei.

The Medicaid application for you and Codei was denied on March 27, 2009, because you do not meet citizenship requirements. According to Medicaid policy, a qualified alien must have entered the United States before August 22, 1996; otherwise, there is a disqualification period during which time you may be eligible for *emergency services only*.

According to our records, you and Codei entered this country on September 16, 2007. The disqualification period begins on this date. After a 5-year period, you could obtain qualified alien status if you have also paid Social Security taxes for 40 work quarters. As a qualified alien you could qualify for full Medicaid benefits if you meet all other eligibility criteria.

Even though you are not currently eligible for full Medicaid benefits, once your baby is born, you should reapply for *emergency services only* as we may be able to cover the costs of labor and delivery. Please call your eligibility worker, Christine Buckner, at (843) 726-7747 if you have questions.

In an effort to be of assistance, we contacted Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Services to determine if they could provide prenatal services during your pregnancy. They may be able to offer assistance. For more information about the prenatal services, please call (843) 987-7400.

Enclosed is information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their healthcare services, prescriptions, inpatient hospitalization and daily living needs. If you have any questions about this enclosed material or the Medicaid program in South Carolina, please contact Denise Epps in Constituent Services at (803) 898-2505.

Sincerely,

Alicia Jacobs
Deputy Director

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Enclosures



State of South Carolina
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Director

May 15, 2009

The Honorable Joe Wilson
United States House of Representatives
Midlands District Office
1700 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 1
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for contacting our agency on behalf of Mr. Robert Graver and his wife Melishia and son, Codei, regarding Medicaid eligibility and their healthcare needs.

According to Medicaid policy, a qualified alien must have entered the United States before August 22, 1996; otherwise, there is a disqualification period during which time the individual may be eligible for *emergency services only*. After a 5-year period, the individual can obtain "qualified" alien status if he or she has also paid Social Security taxes for 40 working quarters. As a qualified alien an individual could qualify for full Medicaid benefits if all other eligibility criteria is met.

A member of my staff has been in direct contact with Mr. Graver regarding Medicaid policy and eligibility requirements. We mailed him information on other programs and organizations that can assist residents in South Carolina with their health services, prescriptions, inpatient hospitalization, and daily living needs.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emma Forkner".

Emma Forkner
Director

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