

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

ACTION REFERRAL

TO <i>Miyas</i>	DATE <i>6-9-08</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY		ACTION REQUESTED	
1. LOG NUMBER <i>000639</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE <i>6-16-08</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE _____	<input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>[Signature]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action		

APPROVALS <small>(Only when prepared for director's signature)</small>	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE <small>(Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)</small>	COMMENT
1. <i>Cleared on 6/22/08, letter attached.</i>			
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Extend until 6/24/08, see attached e-mail response



House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

BOB INGLIS
4TH DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

June 4, 2008

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Department of Health & Human Services
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Emma Forkner
State Director
SC Dept of Health and Human Services
PO Box 8206, 1801 Main Street
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Dear Ms. Forkner:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Nancy Burgess, in regards to Medicaid not paying for a new processor for a cochlear implant. Enclosed is a copy of her letter for your review.

I would greatly appreciate your addressing the questions and concerns mentioned in Nancy's correspondence with respect to your agency's governing rules and regulations. I have assured Nancy that I would write to emphasize my interest in her case and to help obtain a reply from your office.

Thank you, in advance, for your help and please feel free to call Dwayne Hatchett of my Spartanburg office if you have any questions or need further information. Dwayne can be reached at 864-582-6422.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Bob Inglis
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

cc: Nancy Burgess

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Privacy Act Release Form

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am aware that the Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of information in my file without my approval. I, Paula D. Burgess do hereby authorize Congressman Bob Inglis and/or His staff to all information in my files.

Paula D. Burgess
Signature

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daughter's SSN

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Social Security Number

4/26/89
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Medicaid refusal to pay for speech processor
Reason for Inquiry

Previous assistance was received from the Members of Congress listed above.

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I AM ONE MAD WHITE WOMANI I HAVE HAD IT WITH THE SO CALLED GOVERNMENT! MY DAUGHTER HAS A COCHLEAR IMPLANT. SHE IS IN NEED OF A NEW PROCESSOR. MEDICAID HAS REFUSED TO PAY FOR ONE. NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT SHE HAS TO HAVE IN ORDER TO HEAR. WHY WAS SHE REFUSED BECAUSE ITS NOT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT? IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN WHY DOES MEDICAID PAY FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, WHEEL CHAIRS, SCOOTERS, HEARING AIDS AND SO ON? WHY DOES IT PAY FOR GASTRIC BYPASS AND DON'T LET EM TELL YOU THEY DON'T CAUSE I CAN GET PROOF. WHY IS IT PAYING FOR MY FIRST COUSINS HYSTERECTOMY? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THOSE TYPES OF SURGERY COST. I JUST SAW ON THE NEWS THE OTHER DAY WHERE OUR WONDERFUL GOVERNMENT IS PAYING FOR THE MEXICANS THAT COME ACROSS THE BORDER TO HAVE BABIES. \$4000.00 PER ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN. GOOD LORD WHAT HAS THIS FINE UNITED STATES COME TO. HOW CAN YOU JUSTIFY PAYING FOR THESE LADIES TO COME OVER HERE AND HAVE BABIES WHICH WILL MAKE THE BABY A CITIZEN

AND THEN TURN DOWN SOMEONE WHO'S PARENTS HAVE WORKED ALL THE CHILDS LIFE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY KIND OF HELP BECAUSE WE DID WORK AND PAY TAXES AND TRY TO MAKE A LIVING INSTEAD OF LIVING OFF THE GOVT. CAN SOMEONE PLEASE ANSWER THIS FOR ME? I WILL END UP SEEING SOMEONE IN COURT OVER THIS AND THAT'S A PROMISE!

THANK YOU

NANCY BURGESS

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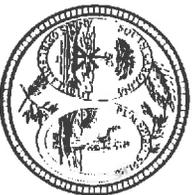
From: James Assey
To: Brenda James; Felicity Myers; Melanie Giese
Date: 6/11/2008 2:52 pm
Subject: Re: Fwd: Log Letter 000639

Sure. Maybe even sooner. Thanks.

>>> Felicity Myers 6/11/2008 2:43 PM >>>
could we have a response by 6/24?

>>> Melanie Giese 6/11/2008 2:33 PM >>>
thanks for your help with a new date

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Director

June 27, 2008

The Honorable Bob Inglis
United States House of Representatives
464 East Main Street, Suite 8
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29302

Dear Representative Inglis:

Thank you for your letter written on behalf of your constituents, Nancy and Kayla D. Burgess, regarding South Carolina Medicaid's coverage of a cochlear implant external processing device. We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

Medicaid's coverage of hearing aid devices is limited to eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age and/or those enrolled in certain Medicaid waiver programs. Ms. Kayla D. Burgess is Medicaid eligible and under age 21, but Medicaid has not received a request for replacement of the external processor. In speaking with Ms. Nancy Burgess, Kayla's mother, our staff learned that Kayla is working with Dr. Hooole of the University of South Carolina's Speech and Hearing Center. Staff contacted Dr. Hooole, and he is to send us a request (along with medical documentation) regarding the need for replacement of the original cochlear implant processor. With this additional information, we expect to be able to approve this request. Once approved, our staff will communicate directly with Ms. Burgess as well as Mr. Dwayne Hatchett of your Spartanburg office. Mr. Hatchett has been most accommodating in the resolution of this request.

I hope this information proves helpful to you. Should you need additional Medicaid assistance, please contact Mr. James Assey, Division Director of Durable Medical Equipment Services, at (803) 898-2876.

Sincerely,

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

Emma Forkner
Director

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